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### 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 & 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.

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

Happy Birthday Devils Disciple Outlaw on June 2nd...

Happy Birthday Outlaw Kid on June 12th...

Happy Birthday Pagan A.D. on June 18th...

Happy Birthday Bandido T-Black on June 21st...

Happy Birthday Outlaw Mad-Man on June 21st...

Happy Birthday Iron Coffin Honky on June 21st...

Happy Birthday Highwaymen Junior on June 21st...

Happy Birthday Outlaw Frank on June 26th...

The Prairie Rattlers MC from Williston, North Dakota has just renewed its Sponsorship of this Newsletter for another year... The Prairie Rattlers MC have continually Sponsored this newsletter for 7 years with a check for \$ 450.00 for a donation of \$ 37.50 per month... The One Thing We Can Do To Ensure this newsletter continuing Is Thanking our sponsors, so please thank them at: Prairie Rattlers MC; Box 2217; Williston, ND 58801-2217... Once Again Thank You to the Prairie Rattlers MC...!!

Thanks goes to the North Dakota Chapter of the Sons Of Silence MC for their additional \$ 1350.00 donation to this Newsletter...

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

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 Deciples, Sons Of Silence, Sovereign, Sundowners, Thunderbirds, Thunderguards, Unforegiven, Unforgiven, Vagos, Vietnam Vets / Legacy Vets, Y-Rohirrin, Warlocks Pa, Warlocks, Winos Crew And Wheels Of Soul... With newsletters going to Australia, Canada, England, France, Finland, Germany, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, & Wales.

**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*

**Think, Do, Make a Difference...**

**Thinkers, Doers, And Difference Makers...**

**Every accomplishment** starts with the decision to try...

R-emember

E-veryone

D-eployed!!!

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**Memorial Day** - May 25, 2015 – U.S.A. – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - This is the day set aside to honor our Republic of Suffering: The survivors of the men & women who have given their lives for America. This holiday began as a day of remembrance by the suffering survivors of the dead during the American Civil War, a conflict that claimed between 620,000 & 850,000 lives. Four hundred thousand men simply disappeared & were never seen by their loved ones again. The holiday, which throughout most of our history has been called Decoration Day, seems to have begun spontaneously in both the North & the South in 1864, the spring after Gettysburg – as a day to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. There was an observance in Columbus, Mississippi on April 25, 1866 when a group of suffering women gathered to decorate the graves of the local men who had died at Shiloh. The Confederate dead were buried near an unintended patch that held the remains of the despised Yankee dead & the compassionate women of Columbus decorated the Yankee graves as well.

*There were at least 25 Decoration Day* observances that Spring. The next year Decoration Day had its own hymn titled “Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping.” The year after that the dead were remembered in 183 cemeteries & General John Logan, the head of a Union Veteran's group called the Grand Army of the Republic, asked his veterans to decorate the final resting places of both the Union & the Confederate dead at Arlington National Cemetery. Logan wrote that the graves should be decorated “with the choicest flowers of springtime.” He told his Northern veterans: “We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance.... Let pleasant paths invite the coming & going of reverent visitors & fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free & undivided republic.”

*The name Memorial Day* appeared in 1882 & the bitterness between the North & the South continued for almost a century after that. There are still separate days to honor the Confederate War dead in Texas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana & Tennessee. Memorial Day became a national holiday & the culmination of a 3 day weekend in 1971. Now the holiday is mostly associated with the start of summer. But this day has always also had a more somber meaning & these few words are only to briefly remind you of that.

**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.

**The Brothel**: The madam opened the brothel door in Winnipeg & saw a rather dignified, well-dressed, good-looking man in his late forties or early fifties. “May I help you sir?” she asked. The man replied, “I want to see Valerie.” “Sir, Valerie is one of our most expensive ladies. Perhaps you would prefer someone else”, said the madam. He replied, “No, I must see Valerie.” Just then, Valerie appeared & announced to the man she charged \$5,000 a visit. Without hesitation, the man pulled out \$ 5,000 & gave it to Valerie, & they went upstairs. After an hour, the man calmly left.



The next night, the man appeared again, once more demanding to see Valerie. Valerie explained that no one had ever come back 2 nights in a row as she was too expensive. "There are no discounts. The price is still \$ 5,000." Again, the man pulled out the money, gave it to Valerie, & they went upstairs. After an hour, he left. The following night the man was there yet again. Everyone was astounded that he had come for a 3rd consecutive night, but he paid Valerie & they went upstairs. After their session, Valerie said to the man, "No one has ever been with me 3 nights in a row. Where are you from?" The man replied, "Nova Scotia." "Really," she said. "I have family in Nova Scotia." "I know," the man said. "Your sister died, & I am her attorney. She asked me to give you your \$ 15,000 inheritance." ***The moral of the story*** is that 3 things in life are certain: 1 Death, 2 Taxes, 3 Being screwed by a lawyer!

**Bikers convicted in Bandido massacre lose bid for new trials** - Apr 16, 2015 - *Canada* - By Peter Edwards; [www.TheStar.com](http://www.TheStar.com) - Ontario Court of appeal turns down the request of 5 men who had received life sentences in the 2006 killing of 8 Toronto-area men in one of Ontario's worst mass murders.... Convicted mass murderer Wayne (Weiner) Earl Kellestine & 4 other outlaw bikers connected to the Bandidos MC have lost their bids for new trials for the execution-style slayings of 8 Toronto-area club mates. "We are satisfied that the appeal must be dismissed," the Ontario Court of Appeal panel of Justice David Watt, Justice David Doherty & Justice Gladys Pardu concluded as they denied the appeals on Thu. "The trial judge fairly & carefully instructed the jury," the Appeals Court judges wrote. "His charge was well structured & equipped the jury to grapple with the evidentiary & legal issues presented." ***The 8 Toronto-area victims*** were all connected to the now-defunct chapter of the Bandidos, nicknamed the "No Surrender Crew," that once met in the E.-Broadview area of Riverdale. Their killings in April 2006 represented the largest mass murder in modern Ontario history. Also losing their bids for new trials were Marcelo Aravena, 39, Brett Gardiner, 30, & Dwight Mushey, 47, all of Winnipeg, & Frank Mather, 31, of no fixed address. Kellestine & Mushey were each convicted of 8 counts of 1st degree murder. Gardiner was found guilty of 6 counts of first degree murder & 2 of manslaughter. Court heard that the Toronto bikers were lured to Kellestine's ramshackle farm west of London, Ont., under the guise of a club or "church" meeting. The star Crown witness was a Winnipeg biker identified only as "M.H.," who carried a rifle alongside Kellestine the night of the murders. M.H. was spared prosecution & given a spot in a witness protection program. M.H. told court that Luis Manny (Chopper) Raposo, 41, of Toronto was shot dead by police-officer-turned-biker Michael (Taz) Sandham in an exchange of gunfire in

Kellestine's barn in the first killing of the evening. Five of the 6 convicted men, including Kellestine, 65, had argued for new trials after they were found guilty on Oct. 29, 2009 of 44 counts of first-degree murder & 4 of manslaughter. They were all given life sentences with no chance for parole for 25 years. Sandham, 45, did not appeal his 8 murder convictions. He had quit police work in Winnipeg to join the Bandidos. After Raposo was shot dead, M.H. testified that the other 7 victims were methodically led out, one-by-one, & executed in vehicles on Kellestine's property. All of the victims except Raposo were shot twice in the head at close range. M.H. told court that Kellestine, Mushey & Sandham each fired fatal shots while Gardiner, Mather & Aravena acted as guards & lookouts. The judges noted that Mather was armed with a gun & Aravena alternately carried a gun & a baseball bat. Gardiner helped prepare weapons before the slaughter & monitored police scanners during the killings, the Appeal Court judges noted. "The jury must have found that he (Gardiner) knew of the plan to kill all, if one was killed, that he knew after the second killing that the plan would be implemented, & that he was there to follow orders & assist as required," the judges wrote. "This was a reasonable finding on the record. Gardiner was not there by chance." Gardiner's lawyer, Christopher Hicks, argued his client should either get a new trial or 8 counts of manslaughter. The judges also dismissed Aravena's argument that he acted under fear that he might also be murdered that night. "On any view of the evidence, Aravena willingly put himself under Kellestine's authority knowing Kellestine could compel him to engage in criminal activity," the judges wrote.

***The judges found that Superior*** Court Justice Thomas Heeney erred in law when he concluded the defence of duress wasn't available to the accused, but concluded this didn't affect the trial's outcome anyway. "That error caused no substantial wrong or miscarriage of justice to Gardiner, Mather or Aravena, as on the evidence there was no air of reality to that defence on any of the charges," the judges wrote. Court heard that the Texas headquarters of the Bandidos ordered the killers to "pull the patches" of the Toronto Bandidos chapter, which meant they would be kicked out of the world-wide club.

***The Texas bikers*** at the "Mother Chapter" were upset that the Toronto chapter repeatedly broke club rules, including frequently ignoring their calls for meetings. M.H. testified that Kellestine told the bikers that if they killed one of the Toronto bikers at the meeting in the barn, they must kill them all. Mather & Aravena were each convicted of 7 counts of first-degree murder & one of manslaughter. Aravena's lawyer argued that he was afraid that night that he might also be murdered. Aravena is a 280-lb former professional mixed martial artist who had a serious drug addiction. Bodies of the 8 murdered men were found in abandoned vehicles by a farmer's field along Stafford Line in Elgin County, 14 kilometres from Kellestine's ramshackle farm in tiny Iona Station. Shot dead on the night of April 7-8, 2006 were: John (Boxer) Muscedere, 48; Raposo; George (Pony) Jessome, 52; & George Kriarakis, 28, of Toronto; Jamie Flanz, 37, of Keswick; Frank Salerno, 43, of Oakville; Paul Sinopoli, 30, of Jackson's Point; & Michael Trotta, 31, of Mississauga. The farmhouse has since been destroyed by fire & the barn has been torn down.

**Never doubt that a small group** of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. - Margaret Mead

**SA Supreme Court told 5 Finks bikies severed ties with the outlaw life after bashing of senior member** – Apr 16, 2015 – *Australia* – By Sean Fewster; [www.HeraldSun.com.au](http://www.HeraldSun.com.au) - Five Finks bikies convicted of bashing a senior member have severed all ties with the criminal lifestyle & no longer associate with outlaws, a court has heard. However, prosecutors have urged the Supreme Court to reject the group's asserted change of heart, saying records of their time in prison tell a different story. They claim lists of visitors, phone calls & letters received — as well as money paid into one man's account — show they continue to live as they always did, even in prison. Corey Dettmann, Bozidar Cekic, Dean Richard Ciantar, Paul Paunovic & Mostyn Carmello Rex Niemann faced sentencing submissions in the Supreme Court today. The men — members & prospective members of the now-defunct gang — pleaded not guilty at trial to one aggravated count of causing serious harm with intent. They each denied a further, aggravated count of theft. Prosecutors alleged the offences occurred at the Finks' "north side" club rooms in Salisbury on Feb 13, 2013 against senior Finks bokie Charles Bonnici. They further alleged it resulted in the theft of Bonnici's gold neck chain worth \$67,200. Prosecutors alleged the group used pool cues, a vacuum cleaner, a table & bolt cutters during a planned assault designed to enhance their standing within the now-defunct gang. Injuries sustained by Bonnici - who did not give evidence - included 2 collapsed lungs, brain swelling & multiple fractures. Three days into the trial, Chief Justice Kourakis dismissed the aggravated theft charges. Giving evidence, Cekic said the assault was not pre-planned but was a one-on-one brawl sparked by Bonnici making the group wait in the heat for a Finks meeting. In his evidence, Dettman — a former Sgt at Arms of the club — said the chain was cut from Bonnici's neck because he needed assistance with it. Chief Justice Chris Kourakis rejected their evidence as "inherently improbable" & found each member of the group guilty.

*Today Martin Anders, for Cekic*, 24, said his client's new outlook on life should be a primary consideration in sentencing. "My client was a young man at the time & it is his sworn evidence that he has no intention of patching over to the Mongols MC," he said. "Prosecutors will oppose this based on material supplied to them by prison authorities (that) runs some hundreds of pages. "If we were afforded some time to take instructions, before submissions proceed today, that should be adequate to address this issue." "My client wants to make a break from any association with MCs, indeed he has made that break, & that's been done for some time," he said. Lawyers for the other men also asked for time.

*Chief Justice Kourakis* granted counsel an hour's adjournment to speak to their clients, but warned the matter not be able to proceed. "The accused may wish to make the submission they ceased any association with the club after these events & do not have any intention of resuming those connections," he said. "If that submission is made in mitigation, the onus to prove that on the balance on probability rests with them. "It will not be enough to say that from the bar table, & may have to be the subject of evidence."

*Following the adjournment*, Anders said Cekic's brief time as a Fink represented a period in which a "very talented young man lost his way" in life. "As teenagers, we all make errors of judgment — some more profound than others," he said. "As we enter our twenties, we reflect upon those errors & think differently ... that's precisely the situation Cekic is in now. "He wants to right the wrongs he has committed & elevate his family's name to the good position it once occupied." Barklay said Ciantar, 24, had

"spent half his life in jail" for offences of violence & became associated with the Finks through his friend, former footballer Dylan Jessen. He said Ciantar had severed all ties with the club just as Jessen had and, like his friend, had no intention of joining the Mongols. "He's fully aware, now more than ever, when he looks back on his life, what a complete muck he has made of it," he said. "He feels he is a complete idiot for the decisions he has made in his life."

*David Edwardson, QC, for Dettmann*, said a long penalty placed his client at risk of becoming institutionalized. He said Dettmann, 42, had "spent 16 of the past 20 years" in jail. "He recognizes all the wrong choices he has made are, to a large extent, because his identity has been shaped, since he was a young boy, by the prison system," he said. "He has been on a criminal treadmill." Edwardson said Dettmann was a Fink from July 2010 until 2013, but shared "a lifelong friendship" with former Fink, now Mongol Mark Sandery that predated his membership. He said his client would not join the Mongols, but would maintain that friendship. He said Dettmann would also continue to benefit from the support of his girlfriend, whom he considered "the most important & significant" part of his life. Edwardson said none of the 5 men should be sentenced more harshly because they were Finks at the time of the offending. He said that, despite the efforts of the State Gov't, being a member of the Finks was not illegal & the group had not been declared a criminal organization. "There's absolutely no basis at all for any of these men getting a high penalty because of their association with a group that was not unlawful," he said. He noted prosecutors had filed application for Dettmann to be declared a serious repeat offender, exposing him to the risk of a harsher-than-normal jail term.

*Andrew Williams, for Niemann*, said his client had been a nominee member for just 2 months when the offending occurred. He said Niemann, 26, was a respected & recognized boxer who had participated in world championships as an amateur & had a 6-1 record as a professional. Williams said that one loss occurred in a cruiserweight championship bout, & had robbed Niemann of his self-confidence. "He took it very hard & he lost his way at that time," he said. He said Niemann had befriended Cekic while training, & it was through him that he became a Finks nominee. "Let me be clear: he has no aspirations to maintain any association with any club, be it the Finks or the Mongols ... he wants to get on with his life & pursue his sporting interests," he said. "My client is a very good candidate for rehabilitation ... he had never been in prison before, & this was a salutary lesson for him."

*Anthony Allen, for Paunovic*, said his client had battled drug addiction & the trauma of a dysfunctional childhood throughout his life. He said Paunovic, 40, had risen above his demons once before & lived a law-abiding life prior to the clubhouse incident, proving he could rehabilitate. "Whilst he has an extensive criminal history, there's still a glimmer of hope for this man ... he's not to be consigned to the scrapheap of recidivism," he said.

*Chief Justice Kouakis* said that was only part of the issue he needed to consider. "The question is not whether they are members (of outlaw clubs) or feel strong ties of affiliation now, but rather what will happen in the future," he said. "If they are maintaining contact (with club members) now, that's not going to give me as much confidence as if they were completely 'clean'. "On the other hand, it does not necessarily mean they are going to get back into the clubs ... I don't have a crystal ball, I don't know." The group will be sentenced at a later date. The Advertiser understands all 5 men had filed appeals against the guilty verdicts.

**Biker Lau G. found dead after receiving life sentence; Suicide likely** - Apr 24, 2015 – *Netherlands* - By Janene Van Jaarsveldt; [www.NLTimes.nl](http://www.NLTimes.nl) - Former No Surrender outlaw motorcycle gang member Lau G. was found dead in his Vught cell Friday morning less than 24 hours after receiving a lifetime prison sentence for a double murder. He was 53 years of age. The time of death was not announced. The Ministry of Security & Justice believes he committed suicide, Nu.nl revealed. A ministry spokesperson would not tell the newspaper why they suspect suicide or whether G. had left a note. Very little is known about the circumstances of his death so far. The police, technical detectives & medical examiner are investigating. G.'s family, lawyer, the prosecutor & police were informed immediately after his body was found. G., from Venlo, was in the high security prison as he was considered a flight risk. As is common practice when an inmate dies, the Health Care Inspectorate was notified, & is expected to conduct an emergency investigation. On Thu the court in Maastricht sentenced Lau G. to life imprisonment for the murder of Karim Fourkour & Fouad Bendella & hiding the bodies. His accomplice, Geert G. received 30 years in prison. Lau G. shot & killed the 2 victims in Venray in 2006 for breaking into his cannabis plantation. Last year Geert G. told the police where to find the bodies – in a forest in Arcen, close to Lau G.'s previous home.

**Night Wolves Motorcycle Gang Gets Support For Controversial Ride** - Apr 27, 2015 - *Russia* - By [www.vocativ.com](http://www.vocativ.com) - The Night Wolves, sometimes referred to as Vladimir Putin's Hells Angels, are infuriating Gov'ts with a ride from Moscow to Berlin... Motorcycle gang members & enthusiasts in Poland & Germany are banding together to support a plan by Russia's Night Wolves MC to travel from Moscow to Berlin to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Soviet victory over Nazi Germany. Despite resistance from some local Gov'ts that don't want to let the Night Wolves through their towns because of their close ties with Russian President Vladimir Putin, the ride is already garnering support on social media boards throughout Europe. "Polish riders will come to the border crossing in Terespol on April 27, & if the guards will not allow the Night Wolves into Poland, we will go through Poland on their behalf to light candles," said the head of the Polish MMKR MC, in Polish, in a message posted to the Russian social media site Vkontakte. The Night Wolves' social media pages have been filled with messages from Europeans, particularly Germans, offering the group shelter & asking to join the gang on its way to Berlin. The Night Wolves, often referred to in Russian media as Putin's motorcycle gang, are heavily involved in pro-Russian activities in Eastern Ukraine. Polish border guards stopped 10 of the gang's members from entering Poland, & Germany announced on Saturday that it plans to deny entry to some of the bikers. Despite the threat of arrest in Germany, the Night Wolves have vowed to continue, & have teased German authorities online. "Night Wolves told Germans that they are coming on motorcycles because it takes too much time on a tank. Aeroflot is too expensive, & Luftuansa is stupid," said a message posted in Russian on the Night Wolves' official Vkontakte account.

**Finks motorbike gang open Melbourne clubhouse** - April 27, 2015 – *Australia* – By Nino Bucci; [www.TheAge.com.au](http://www.TheAge.com.au) - The Finks have opened a new clubhouse in Melbourne, only months after the motorbike gang appeared to be on life support. The gang, once considered among the most dangerous in Australia, was severely weakened when the majority of its members joined the US-founded Mongols in 2013. But police revealed on Monday

that a Finks clubhouse had opened in Ringwood, the latest sign that the gang was making a comeback. Police allegedly found a large haul of ecstasy tablets, meth, ice, steroids & cash after searching the car of a man who left the clubhouse on Sun. A 24-year-old from Chirnside Park was charged with drug offences & possessing proceeds of crime & was bailed to attend the Ringwood Magistrates' Court on Aug 31. At least 10 Finks from Sydney, including several of the gang's national office bearers, attended the chapter last weekend. A business operator near the clubhouse believe the Finks had only recently moved in. Another neighboring business owner seemed afraid of reprisals, saying, "I'm not talking to you, I don't know who you are." The Victoria Police anti-bikie Echo Taskforce said last Sept they had thought the Finks "had all but died out in Australia". But, after an alleged attack by 9 Finks on a Ballarat nightclub last June, there was evidence they were "trying to revamp themselves". The gang changed its logo last year, from a drunken, pot-bellied King's jester called Bung, to a more muscular version, brandishing a handgun & extending a middle finger. The modified logo was considered a not-too-subtle message to the former Finks who had "patched over" to the Mongols. The club has also strengthened links to the Comanchero gang, which it describes as a "brother" club. There have been other signs the Finks are regrouping. Earlier this month, the Riverstone clubhouse was raided by police, who found 2 H-D suspected of being rebirthed. A senior gang member & 3 associates were charged with mortgage fraud, while 12 guns & \$1.1 million in cannabis was found when police searched other properties linked to the gang. Several members of the chapter were among those who travelled to Ringwood last Friday, posting pictures on Facebook from the trip down the Hume Freeway. In March, police charged 4 NSW-based Finks with fraud offences, after they allegedly used fake addresses to get ACT drivers licenses.

**Rocket launcher, grenades found in HAs investigation** – Apr 29, 2015 – *Netherlands* – By Janene Van Jaarsveldt; [www.NLTimes.nl](http://www.NLTimes.nl) - The police arrested a 33 year old member of the Haarlem chapter of the Hells Angels on Wed for violating the Weapons & Ammunition Act. This arrest forms part of an investigation that the police launched in Sept. When the investigation started, the police searched a house & a nearby shed on Lange Poellaan in Haarlem & found an arsenal of weapons. In the shed the police found a shotgun, rocket launcher, Uzi, grenades, ammunition & a number of cannabis cuttings. In the house they found several weapons, cash & stolen goods. A 53 year old man was arrested. Further investigation revealed that the Hells Angels member arrested on Wed can be linked with this arsenal of weapons. He is also a suspect in an assault in a pub in Heeskerk on Dec 27th last year. The 33 year old Hells Angel is in custody for further investigation.

**A man goes to a shrink** & says, "Doctor, my wife is unfaithful to me. Every evening, she goes to Larry's bar & picks up men. In fact, she sleeps with anybody who asks her! I'm going crazy. What do you think I should do?" "Relax," says the Doctor, "take a deep breath & calm down. Now, tell me, exactly where is Larry's bar?"

**I woke up hungover** to the sound of my neighbor mowing the lawn... I figured he'll just have to mow around me, I'm not moving....

**Nicholas K. “Re-Re” Norris** - May 11, 2015 – *Indiana* - By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Nicholas K. “Re-Re” Norris, a member of the Black Pistons MC, was shot in the head & killed by a man named Ron Stewart about 6:30 p.m. in Indianapolis on May 3. Stewart began following Norris & another biker named Ryan Harrison, who were both carrying women on the backs of their bikes, near the intersection of East 16th & North Rural St. Stewart cut them off after they stopped at a traffic light at the intersection with Brookside Parkway. The bikers yelled at Stewart & followed him for about ten blocks. Stewart replied by brandishing a .40 caliber automatic handgun at them. When Stewart pulled into a First Cash Pawn Shop parking lot just west of Rural & East Michigan Streets the two bikers followed him with the intention of confronting him. Norris struck at the killer’s car with “a chrome ball attached to a leather strap.” Stewart exited his car & fired six shots. The fatal shot struck Norris in the back of the head. Stewart then drove away from the crime scene. Norris was pronounced dead at Eskenazi Hospital. Stewart, who lives in Bloomington, IN, later told police he thought the bikers were members of the **American Outlaws Association** that he knew that Outlaws could be “dangerous” & that he acted in fear for his life. He told police he was only trying to frighten the men when he shot Norris in the back of the head. Stewart is charged with voluntary manslaughter. Re-Re Norris was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church & he was employed as a Low Voltage Technician for Hughes Integrated Systems. He is survived by his companion Amanda Stone; his son, Gage W.R. Norris; his daughter, Karleigh Norris; his brother, Christopher Norris; his sister, Lisa A. Norris; & his club brothers. Re-Re Norris turned 41 last Oct. He was buried last Saturday. He is remembered as a man who never met a stranger. He died with his boots on. **Requiscat In Pace**

**Myrtle Beach Under Siege Day Four** – May 12, 2015 – *South Carolina* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - The greater Myrtle Beach, South Carolina metropolitan area remains under siege this morning. For purposes of the annual May siege, authorities define the greater Myrtle Beach metropolitan area to encompass a 75-mile-long stretch of coast that extends from Shallotte, N.C. to Georgetown, S.C. & about as far inland as Conway, S.C. which is about 15 miles from the Atlantic. What is happening right now in the Palmetto State is something called “Spring Bike Week” or the “Spring H-D Rally.” They might actually be 2 different things. Nobody knows for sure.

**Yankee Vermin:** Whatever is happening is the bastard ghost of a rally that began in 1940 & ended in 2008 after the City of Myrtle Beach passed a big, old briefcase full of laws that declared motorcycle rallies to be public nuisances & motorcycle riders to be nothing better than Yankee vermin. The South Carolina Supreme Court overturned the laws in 2010 on the grounds that South Carolina was not North Korea & various entrepreneurs have been trying to bring back that old biker money ever since. Money is the better part of what is going on in South Carolina. Most of the state’s media reported that last Saturday morning a man walked into the Huddle House Restaurant in Mullins, South Carolina “and ordered several breakfast items to-go saying he wanted to treat friends to a breakfast before they head down to Myrtle Beach for Bike Week.” Then he left a \$9,000 tip. Now, that’s one of your good Yankee vermin.

**Rally Duties:** Meanwhile police throughout Horry County have assumed their annual “rally duties,” which means lots of overtime & lots of traffic tickets to pay for all that overtime. To the end of

confusing bikers into violating something the city has put up very many “no through traffic” signs. Officially the signs are up to protect residents “as much as possible – from unnecessary motorcycle noise & traffic.” The combined police forces of Horry County, Myrtle Beach, Conway & Coastal Carolina University have agreed to coordinate their law enforcers. A local prosecutor named Jimmy Richardson announced last week “There will be an increased police presence. But it will be denser as you get toward Myrtle Beach. But that is a way of showing everybody that is coming in that there are plenty of LE here.” The good news is that there are still plenty of vacant hotel rooms between Shallotte, North Carolina & Georgetown, South Carolina. But, as Jimmy Richardson might say. But this is merely a prologue to the fearsome black storm that is to come.

**Race Relations:** The city is in the process of installing a million dollars worth of barricades & bicycle racks in anticipation of The Atlantic Beach Bikefest or, as it is commonly called, Black Bike Week. This has been kind of a rough year for race relations in America. It has been a particularly rough year for relations between young black men & the police. Last year Myrtle Beach police got 4,000 calls for service & there were 105 arrests, 5 confirmed shootings, 3 murders & 7 people were injured during Black Bike Week. Last year, Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce President Brad Dean said, “The issue is not race. The issue is responsibility. Visitors must act responsibly by following our laws, & our local Gov’ts must act responsibly in providing adequate protection to both residents & visitors.” This year the issue is more overtly about race. Five days ago, a local television anchor named Jack Lamson wrote, “With the images from Baltimore fresh in everyone’s minds, the panel (of police) was also asked about...plans to handle rioting.” Myrtle Beach intends to prevent rioting in that fine city with proactive policing & a 23-mile-long detour around the city during Black Bike Week. This week the cops are practicing their skills on the Harley riders.

**Victory Leapfrogs Harley-** May 14, 2015 – *U.S.A.* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Victory Motorcycles, which is now, arguably, the premiere manufacturer of V-Twin motorcycles in the United States, will enter 2 prototype electric racing motorcycles in the Isle of Man Tourist Trophy next month. The course for the June 10 event covers 37.73 miles & the 2 Victory bikes will race against other electric motorcycles. The Victory prototypes will use motors built by Parker-Hannifin Corporation, a company with 57,500 employees in 50 countries & \$13 billion in annual sales, that specializes in motion & control technologies. Parker Hannifin is ranked 217 in the Fortune 500. In a press announcement released yesterday, a company executive named Ben Furnish said, “Parker is thrilled to be involved with Victory Motorcycles in this historic event with these talented riders. We look forward to working with Victory to develop high performance power trains for electric motorcycles.” Robert Pandya, who does public relations for Victory wrote, “The Victory Racing prototype electric race bike features a dedicated electric racing motor & power cells as well as highly sophisticated electric controls to maximize peak power, power delivery, & durability under racing conditions. Victory engineers have further refined the electronics & chassis for the upcoming race with private test sessions in North America.” The bikes will be ridden by 2 well known & experienced racers named William Dunlop & Lee John.

**Meanwhile In Harleyville:** The unexpected announcement of the Victory racing bikes & the alliance with Parker-Hannifin stands in stark contrast to the announcement of Harley-Davidson's Project LiveWire publicity campaign last year. Harley has been sinking for years & has obviously decided to make a life raft of rhetoric. Last year, the company with the name many men have tattooed on their arms, trotted out a couple of executives named John Olin & Matt Levatich to spout nonsense like: "I want to reiterate that the Project LiveWire motorcycles are not in production. At this time we do not have plans or a timetable to bring this bike to market." "We have more to learn about customer desires in the electric motorcycle space." "We believe an electric motorcycle might be of greatest interest to outreach groups in the U.S. & to international customers." "Efforts like Project LiveWire & our Street motorcycles reflect our commitment to provide products that meet the lifestyle & riding needs of the growing generation of urban young adults."

**Be About It:** Harley's money line was, "Like all Harley-Davidson motorcycles, LiveWire is an expression of individuality & iconic style. It just happens to be electric. We've been saying Project LiveWire is more like an electric guitar, not an electric car." In yesterday's release, Victory was more cogent & succinct. Rod Krois, who is Victory's General Manager said, "The entire Victory team is excited to make history with this effort. We know that William Dunlop's experience & the continued Victory Motorcycles development of this electric race bike through work with Parker will propel us into a strong future with electric motorcycles." Obviously, Victory is the American motorcycle company that wants to be about it, not just talk about it.

**Randy Yager Indicted Again** - May 14, 2015 - **Wisconsin** - By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Yesterday James L. Santelle, who is the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin announced a superseding indictment to an old Fed racketeering case titled USA v. O'Neill et al. It was filed against members of the White Region of the American Outlaws Association in 1997. And it was modified yesterday to run wild the charges against an old Outlaw named Randy Mark "Mad" Yager. The superseding indictment alleges that the Outlaws committed violent acts to keep the Hells Angels MC out of the upper Midwest & implies that Yager was personally involved in conspiracies to intimidate members of the Angels, the Henchmen (which the indictment identifies as the Hells Henchmen) & the Invaders MCs. Specifically, the Gov't now charges Yager with:

**Vindictiveness:** Conspiring to murder Invaders in Lake County, Indiana in June 1994; conspiring to bomb & then bombing a Henchmen clubhouse on August 31, 1994; conspiring to murder Hells Angels in Erie County, New York in September 1994 & then murdering a Hells Angel named Michael Quale; conspiring to murder & then attempting to murder Roger Fiebrantz, president of the Henchmen's Rockford charter, with a car bomb; conspiring to murder & attempting to murder another Rockford Henchmen name Michael Coyne with a car bomb on November 7, 1994; conspiring to murder & murdering a Gary Outlaw named Donald "Big Don" Fogg on January 29, 1995; & conspiring to murder & murdering Hells Angel Jack Castle on March 3, 1995. Other men were convicted long ago for all these crimes. In the original indictment, Yager was charged with robbing an unnamed person in March 1994; conspiring to murder Invaders in June 1994; & conspiring to murder Hells Angels in New York in September 1994. The additional charges seem to be the fruit of vindictiveness

by Fed prosecutors rather than the development of new information about the old cases.

**Runaways:** Yager disappeared after he was indicted in 1997 & ran off to Rosarito, Mexico with his common law wife, a concert violinist named Margie Jelovcic. They lived happily there as Mr. & Mrs. David Michael Dorian. Yager became one of the U.S. Marshals Service's 15 Most Wanted fugitives & Jelovcic was routinely described as his victim. In 2012 a Marshal said, "We don't know if she's helping Yager out & assisting him in any way. At this time, she's not charged with anything, but we're not ruling out anything." The couple seems to have avoided apprehension for almost 2 decades by living modestly, being as kind as saints & making friends with the local police. They called themselves Margie & Steve Rothman. They belonged to a social group of about 750 mostly retired Americans called the Independent Footprinters Association United States/Mexico. A majority of the group's members are retired policemen. The Footprinters raise money to donate to local organizations including the Rosarito police. Margie was named Footprinter of the Year in 2010. The Marshals tracked them down last Oct using methods that remain undisclosed. The Marshals & Mexican State Preventative Police found them last October 15 in a bar called La Maroma, eating steak & drinking beer. Yager told police that he was a U.S. citizen named David Michael Dorian.

**Final Fatal Scene:** Mexican accounts published the next day said that after Yager was arrested, Jelovcic chased police "with a pistol in her hand," then pursued her husband in a tan, 1999 Ford Explorer with the intention of trying to rescue him. Police in turn began to pursue her. Rosarito en la Noticia reported that Jelovcic had a .25 caliber pistol in her hand as she drove, that she hit a curb near a MacDonald's near the Scenic Tijuana-Ensenada Hwy, flipped the Explorer & shot herself in the neck. She died in the car. Reportedly, when police arrived they found a 2nd pistol & identification cards from 84 local police including Rosarito Deputy Chief Christian Preciado. In an alternative Mexican account, Jelovcic was fleeing police to avoid arrest when she flipped her Explorer & died. Yager was extradited to the U.S. about 4 hours after his world exploded. Jelovcic's sister identified her body a few days later. After Yager's arrest & Jelovcic's death the story was washed & spun dry. Citing anonymous sources, Vice News reported, "They had a suicide pact. If it went down, they would both do it. Margie honored the pact, but he didn't. He's still breathing." Randy Yager will be arraigned in the Fed courthouse in Milwaukee at 9:15 a.m. on May 22.

**Potatoes:** Well, A Girl Potato & Boy Potato had eyes for each other, & finally they got married, & had a little sweet Potato, which they called 'Yam.' Of course, they wanted the best for Yam. When it was time, they told her about the facts Of life. They warned her about going out & getting Half-baked, so she wouldn't get accidentally mashed, & get a bad name for herself like 'Hot Potato,' & end up with a bunch of tater tots. Yam said not to worry, no Spud would get her into the sack & make a rotten potato out of her! But on the other hand she wouldn't stay home & become a Couch Potato either. She would get plenty of exercise so as not to be skinny like her shoestrings cousins. When she went off to Europe, Mr. & Mrs. Potato told Yam to watch out for the hard-boiled guys from Ireland & the greasy guys from France called the French fries. And when she went out West, to watch out for the Indians so she wouldn't get scalloped... Yam said she

would stay on the straight & Narrow & wouldn't associate with those high class Yukon Golds, or the ones from the other side of the tracks who advertise their trade on all The trucks that say, 'Frito Lay.' Mr. & Mrs. Potato sent Yam to Idaho P.U. (that's Potato Univ) so that when she graduated she'd really be in the Chips.

**But in spite of all they did for her**, one-day Yam came home & announced she was going to marry Tom Brokaw... Tom Brokaw! Mr. & Mrs., Potato were very upset. They told Yam she couldn't possibly marry Tom Brokaw because he's just.....

Are you ready for this?

Are you sure?

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OK! Here it is!

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### **Limburg to Ban OMG Chapters - May 14, 2015 – *Netherland***

– By Janene Van Jaarsveldt; [www.NLTimes.NL](http://www.NLTimes.NL) - Zuid-Limburg is stepping up its battle against OMGs. Maastricht Mayor & head of the safety office Onno Hoes announced that they plan to ban the various chapters individually. According to Hoes, the chapters have to be banned individually because an overall ban on all motorcycle gangs is not yet possible under current legislation, the Telegraaf reports. This new plan is intended to stop the increasing amount of disturbances caused by so called 1% MCs. The 1% patch worn by some MCs is claimed to be a reference to a comment made by the American Motorcyclist Association that 99% of motorcyclists are law abiding citizens, implying that the last one percent are outlaws. This 1% patch indicates that the motorcycle gang sporting it on the colors is an outlaw gang.

The most recent incident involving motorcycle gangs happened in Sittard last week. A shooting incident during a confrontation between the Hells Angels & rival gang Bandidos left 3 people wounded. The incident took place in a densely populated residential area.

### **Gov't wants to change tactics in case - May 14, 2015 - *Canada***

– By <http://blogs.VancouverSun.com> - The B.C. Gov't wants to change its tactics in a long-running civil forfeiture case against 3 Hells Angels' chapters. Lawyer John Hunter told B.C. Supreme Court Justice Barry Davies Thu that the Gov't will try to prove the Hells Angels is a criminal organization & that its clubhouses should be forfeited because they would be used for further criminal activity. Hunter asked Davies to amend the Gov't's pleadings to remove individual criminal allegations against several HA members that had bogged down the proceedings for years. The director of civil forfeiture had leveled allegations stemming in part from wiretaps out of police investigations where no charges were ever laid. Hunter said Thu that the director now wants to remove all those allegations from its case, which would end a series of challenges & allow the case to move forward. "What we propose is amendments that would drop all the allegations of specific criminal acts by individuals," Hunter said. "So the theory becomes relatively simple & it has 2 parts. The first is that we have to establish that the HAMC is a criminal organization in the meaning of the criminal code." The 2nd part of the case would be to prove the clubhouses of the Nanaimo, East

End Vancouver & Kelowna chapter "are instruments that the HAMC use to further their criminal activity," Hunter said. He said that if the new pleadings are accepted, he would rely on evidence from key LE experts on the biker gang. "The principal evidence I intend to call is opinion evidence that will explain . . . the nature of the HAMC, their purposes & operation & the role that clubhouses play in the organization as such. That's the way I intend to prove the case," Hunter said. He pointed to a recent B.C. case convicting a Nanaimo angel of extortion in which the judge said that the Hells Angels is "an organization, I think it may safely be said, that is notorious throughout North America for criminal activity." Hells Angels lawyer Joe Arvey argued against the proposed amendments to the pleadings, saying that they were unconstitutional – just like the Civil Forfeiture Act itself. Arvey said that parliament has not made being a member of the HAs a crime. Nor is it a crime for the bikers to operate their clubhouses, he said. The attempt to seize the clubhouses is just a pretext for the provincial Gov't's "main purpose, which is to drive the HAs out of British Columbia," Arvey said. "It does this by what is the creation of a new offence not found in the criminal code," Arvey said. "Clearly the province, the director, think the HAs are a public evil, but that's not their business." Arvey urged Davies to throw out the case. The judge, who said he would reserve his decision, made several comments about the length of time the case has taken. "I am embarrassed by the fact that after 8 years on the job, I haven't even been able to get it even close to trial," he said. The case began in Nov 2007 when police moved in & seized the Nanaimo clubhouse, launching the court battle over its ownership. Then in Nov 2012, the director of civil forfeiture went to court to seize the East End & Kelowna clubhouses. The HAs filed a counter-suit in Oct 2013, seeking to have the B.C. Civil Forfeiture Act declared unconstitutional.

### **Destroying The Law To Save It - May 16, 2015 – *The World***

– By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - In Feb 1968, in the lead of a story about a godforsaken place called Ben Tre, the journalist Peter Arnett quoted an unidentified American Army Major as saying, "It became necessary to destroy the town to save it." The quote became a catch phrase to describe the irony of the first war America lost. Really it wasn't much different than the words Jo-Jo the dog-faced boy scribbled on his helmet cover: "Fighting for peace is like screwing for chastity." Arnett's quote was just a little less crude. And, Arnett didn't bother to describe the cynical or world weary or bitter or fatuous look on that anonymous Major's face. So the quote has become a shorthand phrase for all absurd & self-defeating demonstrations of power. The internat'l war on MCs – which has devolved from the Global War on Terror because cops can't infiltrate al Qaeda but they can form opinions about "biker gangs" – has become one of those absurd & self-defeating demonstrations of power. Obvious examples of allies in the War on Terror destroying democratic liberties in the name of the common good are the VLAD laws in Australia & the festering Mongols Nation case in Los Angeles. Then, there is also the use of a civil forfeiture law in British Columbia to try to drive the Hells Angels from that province; because everybody who counts – from the deluded Kurt Sutter to the pathetic Jorge Gil-Blanco – knows the Hells Angels is, as a Canadian judge put it recently. "An organization, I think it may safely be said, that is notorious throughout North America for criminal activity." By which they all mean, the Angels is notorious for its criminal activity on television. And what else could "reality" mean, other than what we see on television.

**Nanaimo:** British Columbia raided & seized the Hells Angels' Nanaimo clubhouse in Nov 2007 citing a B.C. law passed in May 2006 called the "Civil Forfeiture Act." At the time, B.C. Solicitor General John Les told the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, "We are able to seize properties & assets that we think have been gained through unlawful activity or are the instruments of unlawful activity.... It is up to the owners or the owner of that property or assets to demonstrate to the court that they were in fact lawfully obtained or lawfully used.... Hopefully we will get an order where at the end of day this property will be forfeited to the provincial Gov't at which point we will sell the property & use the proceeds for crime fighting & other policing resources." If you don't understand that asset forfeiture based on unproven allegations is a totalitarian witch hunt, you can probably stop reading now. Louis Brandeis said the most basic human right is the right to "be let alone." Bullies like John Les agree & want to add the tiny, little disclaimer, "unless I don't like you." The Neo-Nazis who police B.C. have gotten nowhere with their forfeiture case in court, but that is hardly the point of the case. Modern justice is a court war of attrition & Gov'ts, with their unlimited resources, always win court wars of attrition. A former Mountie named Phil Tawtel who runs the B.C. forfeiture office seized 2 more HAs clubhouses in 2012.

**Precrime:** Last week a Canadian Supreme Court Justice named Barry Davies told the Gov't that it either had to prove which Hells Angels broke which laws or drop the forfeiture proceedings. Last Thu, the forfeiture office asked Davies to modify their suit by dropping the criminal allegations against individual Angels that were the alleged basis for the forfeiture because the Gov't can't prove they are true. Instead the B.C. forfeiture office wants to argue that the 3 clubhouses should be forfeited because they will be used for future criminal activity. "What we propose is amendments that would drop all the allegations of specific criminal acts by individuals," a lawyer for the forfeiture office said. "So the theory becomes relatively simple & it has 2 parts. The first is that we have to establish that the Hells Angels MC is a criminal organization in the meaning of the criminal code. The second proposition is that these clubhouses are instruments that the HAs MC use to further their criminal activity, & that is evidence that we will have to lead."

**Opinion Evidence:** The evidence the province will use will be what its lawyers call "opinion evidence" from "key LE experts on the biker gang." "The principal evidence I intend to call is opinion evidence that will explain...the nature of the HAMC, their purposes & operation & the role that clubhouses play in the organization as such. That's the way I intend to prove the case," a forfeiture lawyer named John Hunter told Judge Davies. The Canadian Angels' lawyer, a man named Joseph Arvay, argued that the whole case is unconstitutional. "If there's no past crime, once (the forfeiture office) proves that the HAs are a criminal organization on the balance of probabilities, he will now ask you to find on the balance of probabilities that the members of the HAs...have a propensity to commit crime.... This would completely violate any of the rules of criminal law." What the B.C. Gov't wants to do, in other words, is destroy the law in order to preserve law & order. And there is no reason to think that any of the province's lawyers is making this argument with a cynical or world weary or bitter look on their faces. They want to reduce the law to an absurdity. They really do – in order to compel us all to respect the law more.

**Ways To Avoid Community Violence After Local Police Encounters** - May 18, 2015 – U.S.A. – By [www.NPR.org](http://www.NPR.org) - Steve Inskip talks to Scott Thomson, chief of police in Camden County, N.J., & Sue Rahr, director of Washington state's police academy, about changing officers' attitudes about use of force.

**Steve Inskip, Host:** Let's meet 2 LEOs who want to think differently about using force. They are thinking about police encounters from Ferguson, Mo., to Baltimore & beyond. Again & again, these encounters have provoked sustained protests. And here's what the 2 LE leaders are thinking - the story of those fast-moving events actually began many years before. One of the LE officials is in Camden, N. J. That's where Pres Obama visits today to promote community policing. The Pres will also say he's limiting local police access to military-style equipment. The chief of police in Camden County is Scott Thomson. Chief Thomson thinks of the past year of protests, he thinks about history.

**Scott Thomson:** Up until really the late '60s or early '70s, for the most part, police had been on the wrong side of the issue when it comes to civil rights. And even when you look in parts of the Deep South, the police were enforcers of Jim Crow, & that wasn't that long ago. I mean, we're still - they're still people alive who remember that well, & it's impossible for that to not be passed down from generation to generation.

**Inskip:** Chief Thomson learned that history long ago. Here's what's new to him - the problem was never fully repaired. It is true that legal segregation ended in the 1960s & that police reformed their tactics in the 1990s. Many Depts adopted community policing, getting more familiar with neighborhoods. The protests of the last year proved to Thomson it's not enough.

**Thomson:** I don't think we've covered as much ground as we thought we had. And I also have to question the fact of, did we ever truly create a basis of trust in our most challenged communities in the country?

**Inskip:** Listening to you lay out your historical perspective makes me wonder - when you encounter one of these news-making incidents where a police encounter is captured on video & people are immediately questioning the specific decisions by the officer in the moment, do you look at that video & think to yourself that actually this problem started 20 years ago or 50 years ago?

**Thomson:** I think what the American people are telling us, particularly in our most challenged neighborhoods where we are seeing the reaction, is that this is not a momentary reaction to an incident. They have more to do with history than actually what occurred within the moment that lasted a matter of minutes, at tops. And the community's reaction is that what they saw, what they're experiencing, it's a flashpoint to, in many instances, years of frustration.

**Inskip:** The Michael Brown incident is maybe the classic example of that, given that investigators later found no reason to charge the officer, but what was suspected of happening there really resonated with tons & tons of people.

**Thomson:** I think what we heard from the true demonstrators, the true people of that community was their frustration of not knowing their police officers. And what we have found from the Dept of Justice reports that have come out, with regards to the predatory type of ticketing that was taking place, was how it clearly struck an emotional chord with the people of that community that has been lying there for quite some time.

**Inskip:** That emotion applies in Chief Thomson's jurisdiction in N.J. It includes the city of Camden, which is overwhelmingly black. In recent years, the police force was reorganized. The ranks of senior officers were made more diverse. And Thomson says police tried to strengthen ties to the community. Then those ties were tested.

**Thomson:** We had an individual that, during a foot pursuit, ended up becoming paralyzed. And fortunately for us, it was captured on video. And it was a freak accident in which the individual that was running from police, who had a gun, essentially tried to change direction in the middle of his flight & his feet went out from underneath of him even before an officer touched him. And he struck the ground in a way which hit his back & his neck & caused damage to the point where he was paralyzed. But we were very fortunate this was captured on video, & we were very fortunate that the video also showed our officers had this individual on an ambulance within 4 minutes & in a trauma emergency room within 7 minutes. And this was shortly thereafter of Ferguson. And, you know, although we have made tremendous strides in our community over the last couple years with our P.D., you know, any police chief in any community, you're fooling yourself, particularly in your most challenged communities, if you don't recognize the fact that it is a fragile relationship.

**Inskip:** What did your Dept do in the days after that incident?

**Thomson:** Well, so in the days after that incident, we communicated with our community leaders. We got the video out to the public as quickly as possible. We did not have an outcry or demonstrations really from our community. And at the same time, we also respected the family that was involved in this & that at the end of the day, they have a loved one that's hurt & we need to respect that. And we had officers that grew up with some of the family that we made sure that they were communicating with the family as frequently as possible. We brought them into our police headquarters. We talked to them. We assured them that there was going to be an independent investigation. And that we would keep them as apprised as we could through this.

**Inskip:** Chief Thomson admits the family does not approve of the police, as indeed they don't. The family of the paralyzed suspect, Xavier Ingram, has sued. They contend that the videotape made public doesn't show everything. And they claim officers stomped on Ingram after he fell. But after the incident, Camden did remain peaceful. That story is likely to get plenty of attention because Pres Obama plans to visit Camden today & policing may well come up. You're touching on an interesting point in that after a controversial incident, you need to investigate. Investigation takes time, which means you would need to appeal to the community for patience. But if you haven't built good relations with the community, you're toast. You're not going to get that patience.

**Thomson:** You cannot have your first interaction with a public - or the community - be one in which you are asking for something, right? I mean, that's just flawed logic.

**Inskip:** Whether a city explodes in protest or not, may depend on decisions made years before an officer ever pulled his gun or a citizen started recording video. **Sue Rahr** believes something similar. She's thinking about police training. She is in charge of the police academy in Washington State.

**Sue Rahr:** You always want to create space & time so that you have the opportunity to engage in some kind of de-escalation strategy with the person first.

**Inskip:** Rahr points to a police shooting in Cleveland, Ohio, last year. An officer approached a man with a gun & killed him. The man turned out to be 12, & the gun turned out to be a toy. An investigation continues. Rahr says the officer might have learned to approach more carefully. That would avoid any sense of danger until he understood the situation. For 2 years, Rahr says, she has been adjusting the training for every local police recruit in Washington State. They're supposed to focus less on being warriors & more on being guardians of citizens' lives.

**Rahr:** We changed the training environment itself. We removed a lot of the symbols & the tools of the trade that were on the walls with murals of the Constitution. And we spent a great deal of time talking about the Constitution & what it means to a police officer. I tell my recruits in the first week there at the academy, my entire career, my training on the Constitution, consisted of how to work around it so that I could make an arrest & prove a case. It never occurred to me when I was working the street that I was there to support the Constitution. I viewed myself as being there to enforce the law. Some of the other things that we've done is move away from some of the military protocols. Instead of requiring recruits to snap to attention & be silent when a staff member passes, we require them to engage in conversation because that's a skill they need in the field. Effective police officers are able to engage community members in conversation.

**Inskip:** So you've started this training - changing training - in Washington state before the incidents of the past year. But now we've had the incidents of the past year. And on this program, our correspondent Martin Kaste spoke with a number of officers who spoke of the risk of police becoming passive. They may be videotaped & scrutinized at any time, all their actions could be called into question - things they did in a split second & maybe it would be better for them to drive past that apparent crime scene than to get involved. How do you deal with that risk?

**Rahr:** Well, I think it - you avoid that risk by the culture that is set in the P.D. where the officer works. And this is a part of policing that we don't talk about often enough & that is the internal culture of the P.D. itself. There's a cultural anthropologist named Simon Sinek. And Simon Sinek said the most important influence on the behavior of an officer on the street is going to be the internal culture of that P.D. And so you need to focus on building a strong culture internally, where the leaders in the P.D. demonstrate respect & they set the tone for what they expect of their officers. Their behavior needs to model the kind of behavior they want to see on the street. So if you have a P.D. with a very strong, healthy culture & the officers know that if they are doing their best on the street & they're wading into a difficult situation, they know that their leaders will support them, even if things don't go well, if the officers are following policies & procedures. If an officer works for an agency where they believe the leaders are going to throw them under the bus if they make a mistake, then you're absolutely right. The officers are going to drive past & not dive into that because they don't want to take the chance of being unfairly criticized & punished.

**Inskip:** Sue Rahr of Washington State talks of respect within a Dept. Scott Thomson of N.J. talks of respect for a community. Both officials say police have to build that respect years before the moment when an officer confronts a volatile situation on the street.

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**You do not need a Title** to be a Leader, it's built in...

**Nobody talks...** Everybody walks... Silence is Golden...

**Bandidos have deep roots in San Antonio** - May 19, 2015 – *Texas* - By Guillermo Contreras, San Antonio-Express News; [www.MySanAntonio.com](http://www.MySanAntonio.com) - When one “brother” sees another at their motorcycle gatherings, they kiss each other on the lips. They go by the motto “We are the people our parents warned us about.” And in Texas, they’re considered the ruling motorcycle gang. But don’t call the Bandidos MC a gang. Members just like motorcycles, particularly Harleys, & the biker lifestyle, the members — current & former — often say. “It’s not a gang,” said Royce Showalter, one of the group’s last surviving founders, who was vice president of the 1st chapter formed in San Antonio in the 1960s. “It’s a MC. (The police) they’ve always tried to say there’s crime involved. . . . But you can say that about any group. You get so many people in a group & there may be a few who might be bad eggs.” Members of the Bandidos reportedly were involved in a brawl at a Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco over the weekend that left 9 people dead, 18 injured & 170 arrested. On Tue, authorities there answered news media questions without naming the groups involved. But bulletins issued to LE before the melee & after suggest the Bandidos clashed with a smaller MC, the Cossacks, reportedly for moving into the Bandidos’ territory. None of the current Bandido officers responded to the San Antonio Express-News’ requests for comment. Showalter, 69, who was a member from 1967 to 1979, said the group is much larger & bureaucratic than when he helped formed the first chapter in San Antonio & was chosen vice president. He said he knows nothing of what took place in Waco because he long has been retired from the Bandidos. Various news outlets have reported the Bandidos began in Galveston County in 1966, & that their founder, the late Donald Eugene Chambers, started the group at a time when many veterans were returning, disenchanted, from Vietnam. Other news outlets say the group adopted the red & gold colors of the Marine Corps.

*According to Bandido lore*, Chambers took the club’s name & logo, a cartoonish, potbellied character wearing a sombrero & carrying a sword, from Frito Lay’s “Frito Bandito” character, featured in the chip maker’s prepolitically correct advertisements of the 1960s. But Showalter disputes some of that account. He said Chambers, whom he considered a friend, was not in the Marines & hated the military branch. “Red & yellow were the colors he chose because of the coral snake,” Showalter said. “Somewhere along the line, yellow was changed to gold & even the original patch was changed.” Showalter, whose right leg was injured in a series of motorcycle accidents & walks on crutches, harkens to a time when the group shunned society’s rules. “In the old days, if you made 3 meetings & could hold your beer, everyone liked you,” Showalter said. “Nowadays, it can take years to join.” But he acknowledged the group’s members, whose tattooed, long-haired, tough guy appearance — sometimes with an accompanying record — emitted a sense of fear. “We’d pull up to a red light & in the car next to us, you’d hear all them door locks,” Showalter said. “Thump. Thump. Thump.” Still, some rules haven’t changed. Membership is limited to men, & women are considered property — they’re known as Proud Bandido Ol’ Ladies. Brotherhood & loyalty are the highest virtues, & members greet each other with hugs & on-the-lip kisses.

*Edward Winterhalder, a former national officer* for the Bandidos, noted in his 2006 book, “Out in Bad Standings” that it can take years for a prospect to earn a full membership “patch.” It comes with hanging around full members & following the rules. Winterhalder also wrote that, to form a new chapter, it must have at least 5 members & they must make a one-time donation of

\$1,000. They must sign their motorcycles over to the national chapter for the first year. The book also lists many other by-laws of the group, including a rule that Labor Day & Memorial Day are mandatory motorcycle runs for Bandidos. It also lists some ways that a member’s membership (patch) can be revoked: Lying, stealing & “needle use.” “If it didn’t grow, don’t smoke it!” the book said. Winterhalder said he wrote his book to counter public perception: “Contrary to the meth-addicted, violence-prone image regularly portrayed by the media, most of today’s outlaw motorcycle club members are productive, contributing members of society that just love motorcycles & the biker lifestyle.” In 2008, then-San Antonio Councilwoman Lourdes Galvan, on behalf of the city but without full council approval, honored a local chapter of the Bandidos for years of supporting charitable causes. “They are good people, they just make a lot of noise,” she said at the time. After a public backlash, she later apologized.

*Law officers say the group* is not just a club. The latest gang threat assessment from the Texas Dept of Public Safety lists the Bandidos among Tier 2 groups, behind more violent prison gangs. The Justice Dept considers the Bandidos one of the 8 most dangerous motorcycle gangs in the U.S. because of links to drugs, weapons & human trafficking. There are some 2,400 members worldwide, with numerous chapters in the U.S., Canada, in Latin America & in such unusual places like the Ukraine.

*In San Antonio*, there are at least 5 chapters & some members have collectively been targeted by LE at least 3 times within the past 5 years for their suspected drug-dealing activity, the Express-News has reported. In one crackdown in 2011, Fed agents arrested 10 of its members & said they closed a pipeline that had brought \$600 million worth of methamphetamine to the area over the past decade. “They don’t have beat-downs for new members to join, like the other gangs,” said Terry Pelz, who once led the state prison system’s gang intelligence section. “But they take care of their own just like everyone else. They are generally low key, but more sophisticated than street gangs. They are still a criminal enterprise because some of them get into things that are profitable for them.”

*Area gang officers say* they have only struck at certain members because of the difficulty in infiltrating the Bandidos. “They’re very smart, & won’t deal to just anybody, like some of the other gangs,” said one law officer who asked to remain anonymous because he often works undercover. With a variety of investigations of the Bandidos, some recent & others active, LE has had indications that trouble was brewing between the Bandidos & the Cossacks because the smaller club reportedly moved in on Bandido territory in the Lone Star State. “Violence between members of the Bandidos (Outlaw Motorcycle Group) & the Cossacks MC has increased in Texas with no indication of diminishing,” according to a May 1 bulletin issued by the Texas Dept of Public Safety. “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, or ‘colors’ or ‘cuts.’”

*The bulletin also cites* reports from the FBI in San Antonio that had warned in April of potential attacks by the Bandidos on the Cossacks. Records reviewed by the Express-News show the FBI has at least one active investigation of the Bandidos with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Neither agency would discuss the matter on Tue, though they asked that details & tactics not be revealed for this report.

*In his book, Winterhalder* notes that incidents that draw attention from the cops aren't good for MCs. "The general public does not draw a distinction between different club colors," Winterhalder wrote. "In many cases, they simply can't tell the difference: We're all 'biker scum' to them. If one causes a problem that touches the public sector, the offending club's identity is either confused or ignored & the heat comes down on all the clubs."

**Waco PD Under Siege Day Three** - May 19, 2015 – *Texas* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Most of the world's press is desperately trying to find a hook on which to hang the unfolding tragedy outside the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, TX. Over an unknown span of time that was probably less than a minute, 9 people were killed last Sun. Serge Kovaleski reported in the N.Y. Times this morning that 8 of them were members of the Cossacks MC. The dead men are Jesus Delgado Rodriguez who was 65; Richard Kirshner, Jr. who was 47; Charles Russell, 46; Daniel Boyett, 44; Wayne Campbell, 43; Manuel Rodriguez, 40; Jacob Rhyne, 39; Richard Jordan II who was only 31; & Matthew Smith to whom God gave just 27 years.

**Who Done It:** Police say only 3 or 4 of the 22 police officers, including a ten man Swat team, who had besieged the restaurant actually fired their guns. There are many shrill voices in the newz maelstrom. One chorus cries that none of the dead were shot by police. Another allows that 4 may have been shot by police. Sgt Patrick Swanton, who is conducting this show with the glib aplomb of a network newz consultant, confides that nobody knows how many of the dead were killed by the police. Swanton does humbly allow that Waco P.D. & a TX Dept of Public Safety Swat team did something that stopped the fight that spilled out of the restaurant & into the parking lot, & so many innocent lives were saved. 27 people were injured. 7 of them remain hospitalized. Every TV shot from Sun's crime scene, focuses on one or another policemen carrying an automatic weapon - usually some variation of an M-16. Swanton explains that the entire shopping center must be quarantined & guarded. Among the questions no one thinks to ask is whether any of this display for the news cameras is just a teensy little bit self-dramatizing & performative.

**Swat Guards Motorcycles:** Facts in the case are slippery. Some large number of motorcycles & cars have been impounded. Call it 200 motorcycles & 100 cars. Cynics might explain the impounds as a way of punishing people who were at the forbidden, Confederation of Clubs & Independents brunch for being there instead of in church. Swanton explains that the impounds are simply one facet of a very, very, very thorough investigation. As all of these vehicles were trucked away to some top secret impound yard they were guarded by Swat. The presumption that underlies that performance is that if they were not guarded by militarized police roving bands of Bandidos might converge from all points of the compass to take them back – like a scene from the Brian Bosworth film *Stone Cold*. One-hundred-seventy have been arrested for the crime of being at a biker brunch. Probably 170. For some time it was exactly 192. Then it was in the "mid 170s." Then it was 165. At this morning's press conference, Sgt Swanton announced the correct number is 170. The other important number is a one followed by 6 zeros. All 170 of the guilty brunch eaters are charged with "Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity." The underlying assumption seems to be that because the men in custody were there they are accessories to murder. So far, no one in the mainstream news media has questioned those arrests.

**What This Means:** Instead America is focused on 2 pressing questions. First, how grave is the danger that faces the Waco police for bravely doing whatever it was that they did that did not include much shooting that somehow saved many lives & somehow led to the deaths of 9 bad guys? The newz maelstrom screams that the Bandidos & the Cossacks lust for the blood of honest cops. The newz maelstrom shrieks that police in Texas have been green lighted, "essentially a gang sanctioned call for killing – as retaliation." And so there are reports of "officers clad in ghillie suits on the roof of the Twin Peaks restaurant." Lest the motorcycle menace return to the scene of its terrible crime with a lust for cop blood, police heroes must hide among the bushes on tops of buildings in shopping centers. "Be afraid, America," the newz maelstrom screams. "Be very afraid." The other angle the newz maelstrom has embraced is the allegedly racist nature of American newz.

**Race:** "During the uprisings in Baltimore, I saw a flurry of tweets about black people disrespecting property & throwing rocks at police," CNN Political Commentator Sally Kohn, wrote yesterday. "Now that these biker gangs have issued actual death threats, why am I not now seeing tons of Twitter posts about white people disrespecting the lives of police?" Julia Craven began a rant in the Huffington Post this morning with: "Following a spate of white-on-white violence over the weekend in Waco, TX, that claimed 9 lives & resulted in scores of casualties & over 190 arrests, there has been a marked lack of interest in talking about where the event fits into the epidemic of such white criminal behavior in the U.S. – despite the fact that every year, more white people are murdered by white people than by any other group." In her fair & balanced way, Craven continued, "Granted, there are 201 thugs off the streets for the time being, but what about the rest of them?" What Kohn, Craven & all the other voices in the newz maelstrom seem to miss is that blacks & bikers are both what totalitarian states like Hitler's Reich, Stalin's Soviet Union or Mao's China called objective enemies. In such totalitarian states, one does not have to be suspected of committing an offense to get arrested. One only has to be classified as being possible of committing what Hannah Arendt called "possible crimes." The investigators in Waco have decided that every one of the Waco bikers who brunch might have killed the 9 dead men. So they are all being treated as if they did. There might be a story in that. But probably not as important a story as pretend threats, or the interesting costumes some police wear or the newz maelstrom's shoddy record on covering the racial angle of white on white crime.

**1 biker has posted \$1-million bond; Waco court strained** - May 20, 2015 – *Texas* – By Michael Muskal & Molly Hennessy-Fiske; [www.LATimes.com](http://www.LATimes.com) - The legal aftermath of the deadly biker shootout in Waco, TX, Wed continued to grow complicated as the 1st person to be charged in the violence prepared to be released after posting \$1-million bond.. 9 men were shot to death & 18 people were injured Sunday inside & outside the Twin Peaks restaurant. Police said Wed they have recovered more than 1,000 weapons, including knives, guns & a high-powered assault rifle from the scene & from vehicles. At least 177 people have been arrested & are being held on \$1-million bail apiece, facing state charges of engaging in an organized crime enterprise. The enterprise is capital murder-the deaths of the 9 bikers-although no one has been charged with this yet. The number of arrests, the need to find prosecutors & defense attys coupled with the size of the bond are straining the local legal system.

**Officials have had to secure legal** counsel for defendants, many of whom have said they are too poor to hire their own attorneys. McLennan County maintains a panel of lawyers to represent those who are too poor to hire outside counsel, but there are just 100 such attys & many of them do not do the kind of felony proceedings that have stemmed from Sunday's violence. "It's been a nightmare," said one county employee who asked not to be identified because she works in the court system. Arraignments for the 177 have taken place in recent days & one of the men could be released as soon as Wed. Two bond reduction hearings are scheduled for June 5, court officials said.

**In addition to the sizable bond**, the court has also imposed conditions on those who pay it. Defendants will be required to wear a GPS monitoring device, are prohibited from using narcotics or alcohol & cannot possess illegal weapons or guns. They are also barred from associating or even communicating with members of biker gangs. Some bikers who were at the scene of the violence but were not arrested are afraid to come forward & give their account of the bloodbath because they're afraid of being charged as gang members, says William Smith, a Dallas-based attorney who has spoken to multiple bikers who attended the gathering of at least 5 motorcycle groups Sunday at the Twin Peaks restaurant. "It's got a lot of folks on edge, & I don't know that there's any bail bondsman in Waco, in the county, McLennan, that's capable or willing of writing \$1-million bond," said Dallas-based atty William A. Smith, who represents one of the incarcerated men. "So these guys could be in there a long time."

**McLennan County Justice** of the Peace Walter H. "Pete" Peterson, who set many of the \$1-million bonds, has defended the amount, arguing he had to weigh the individuals' civil rights against the interests of public safety. He said the bonds were "adequate" given the pending investigation & "because of the magnitude of the situation & the total disregard for the safety of others." Other lawyers disagreed, including Robert Draskovich, a Las Vegas criminal defense lawyer who represented a member of the Hells Angels in another mass biker arrest case in 2002 in Laughlin, Nev. In the Laughlin case, the Hells Angels tangled with another group, the Mongols. Three people were killed & about a dozen others were injured in a shooting & knifing near a casino & hotel. All were attending an annual motorcycle rally. About 120 people were detained; 44 Hells Angels were eventually indicted on Fed charges, but only 7 were convicted. All were able to post bail, which was far less than the amount in Waco & some defendants did not have bail as the proceedings went on. Six Mongols members eventually pleaded guilty to state charges.

**A \$1-million bail** for a murder case would not be unreasonable, Draskovich said. But he questioned that large amount for all of the defendants, who were likely in different places & acted in various ways. "This is wholly unreasonable," Draskovich told the Los Angeles Times. "Bail should be tailored to the individual circumstances." "I have defended cases in Waco & there is nothing usual there. There is a strange religious feeling there," Draskovich said of Waco, calling it "all about punishment & the Old Testament." Draskovich said he expected the majority of the defendants would "eventually walk on the charges." Meanwhile, the Central Texas Marketplace Shopping Center fully reopened for business on Wed.

**Before the shootings**, at least 18 Waco police officers had been stationed in the shopping center parking lot along with state

officers. As many as 4 officers fired their weapons after people inside the restaurant were already exchanging gunfire & the violence spilled onto the parking lot with bikers turning their fire on officers, police officials have said. The preliminary autopsies indicate those who were killed, ages 27 to 65 years old, died from gunshot wounds, according to records released by the McLennan County Justice of the Peace. It will take further testing to determine who fired the fatal shots. The dead were members of 2 groups: the Bandidos, the state's largest motorcycle gang, & the Cossacks, an up-and-coming gang that has clashed with the Bandidos, police said. Most of the 18 bikers who were injured have been released from the hospital. No police or bystanders were injured.

**Katie Rhoten told** the Associated Press that her husband, Theron, ran for cover & was later arrested, along with antique motorcycle enthusiast friends & other "nonviolent, noncriminal people" at the gathering designed as a meeting of biker groups to discuss issues such as pending safety legislation. "He's good to his family," she said. "He doesn't drink; he doesn't do drugs; he doesn't party. He's just got a passion for motorcycles."

**Officials have painted a different picture.** They have said that the meeting included talks between the Bandidos & the Cossacks designed to settle differences, including turf. Officials have also cited a long-standing rivalry between the groups that have included assaults in other parts of the state, including the Dallas area. The U.S. Justice Dept said in a report on outlaw motorcycle gangs that the Bandidos "constitute a growing criminal threat." The report said the group is involved in transporting & distributing cocaine & marijuana & in the production & distribution of meth.

**Four Members of the Cossacks Biker Gang Arrested in Andrews** - May 20, 2015 - *Texas* - By Alexa Williams; [www.NewsWest9.com](http://www.NewsWest9.com) - In the wake of the gang violence in Waco, a few members of the Cossack motorcycle gang are in trouble in Andrews. Four members are behind bars & police are working to keep the gang off their streets. "They're not welcome here," said Chief Bud Jones, with the Andrews P.D. Chief Jones said their force is on high alert after an attack involving the Cossack biker gang over the weekend. "It definitely concerns me. You know we're a small community & we're a small Dept. We don't want to get into a situation where we're having to deal with rival biker gangs," said Jones. Police said 4 members of the Cossacks attacked a man at Porter's Thriftway on Sat, sending him to the hospital. After the attack, the motorcyclist sped away from police. The group made their way to a home on NW 11th St. "They got off of their motorcycles & went into the garage of the residence," said Jones. Police called for backup & eventually arrested the 4 men. Officials said the gang members attacked the victim & stole his pistol. Jones added it's all because the victim had prior affiliation with the Cossacks. "He was a prospective member & I think was booted out. I think he was probably upset & made some negative comments or something," said Jones. The gang members are behind bars on aggravated robbery & engaging in organized criminal activity charges. Jones said this type of crime won't be allowed on their streets. "When you start assaulting people & taking their property, that's a crime. I don't care if they belong to the Cossacks, Bandidos, or if they belong to any organization, you can't commit criminal activity," said Jones. The victim has since been released from the hospital & we're told the FBI is investigating the attack.

**Waco Massacre Aftermath** - May 20, 2015 – *Texas* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Yesterday in Texas, the Reverend Matthew Hagee, Executive Pastor of the Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, described last Sun’s Waco massacre & its aftermath, including “all of these arrests of rival biker gangs” as “a sign of the end times.” It might have been the most interesting thing anybody said about the massacre all day. As of this morning, at least 170 people were in custody on \$1 million bond each & charged with “Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity.” One of them is a woman. “I think it is important to send a message,” the Honorable Walter “Pete” Peterson, Justice of the Peace for the 1st Precinct, who set the bail amount said. “We had 9 people killed in our community. These people just came in & most of them were from out of town. Very few of them were from in town.”

**Swanton Speak:** Three of the accused “organized criminals” turned themselves in after they were released on lower bonds. Sgt Patrick Swanton, who has been acting as the chief press ringmaster since Sunday, said “They were not mistakenly released.” The 3 men were arrested Sunday when they arrived at the crime scene after all the shooting had stopped wearing MC insignia. They were searched and, according to Swanton, were found to be “carrying weapons.” They are now also being held on \$1 million bond. Swanton did not know where. Swanton did not know how many of the 11 wounded men who were released from local hospitals yesterday had been arrested. He also did not know how many, if any, of the dead men had been killed by police. “Is it possible,” Swanton asked rhetorically. “Yes. Is it a fact? No, because the autopsies are not complete.” Swanton seems committed to a version of events in which only 4 of the 22 police officers on scene discharged their weapons. He said yesterday that those 4 remained on duty. “Typically, our first concern is the welfare & mental health of those officers,” Swanton explained. But, “because of the high threat level ... we kept them here.” Olivia Messer reported in the Waco Tribune-Herald today that police “have found 1,000 weapons tucked into kitchen areas, vehicles & toilets” in the Twin Peaks restaurant.

**Months Or Years:** The New York Times reported that the local jail & court system is clogged up with arrestees & that the court cases “could drag on for months & even years.” Tales abound of factually innocent bikers who are being presumed guilty until proven innocent. A defendant named Jeff Battey was the first defendant to post bail Wed morning. Battey “has bullet fragments lodged in his arms,” according to his lawyer, Seth Sutton. “He was just in the wrong place at the wrong time like many others who are innocent yet being held under that bond.” Sutton told Houston television station KRIV. “L.E. authorities are saying that, in this short amount of time, they’ve already gathered probable cause that these 200 people have participated in a plot to commit capital murder. That’s difficult for us to believe.” Battey must wear an electronic ankle monitor while he awaits the chance to clear his name. He is currently being treated in a Dallas hospital. The A.P. reports that Theron Rhoten, a mechanic from Austin, an antique motorcycle enthusiast & a member of the Vice Grip MC was arrested with 2 club brothers when he arrived at the site of the Confederation of Clubs meeting after the shooting stopped. The Vice Grips build, repair & ride pre-1970 H-D Big Twins. A retired, San Antonio vice detective named Marty Lewis, is among the accused “organized criminals” trying to raise \$1 million bail. Published reports indicate that Waco & McLennan County could realize more than \$3 million from the sale of motorcycles & cars seized at the crime scene.

**Gator’s Jam Inn:** Meanwhile, multiple news outlets including the Daily Beast have begun to connect the dots between the massacre in the Twin Peaks parking lot & a shooting in Gator’s Jam Inn in Forth Worth last Dec 12. Geoffrey Brady, a member of the Ghostriders MC was killed & within days 3 Bandidos, Robert Stover, Howard Baker & Nicholas Povendo were charged with his murder. The Daily Beast reporter, M.L. Nestel speculates, “It’s unclear whether the deadly brawl in Fort Worth directly led to Sunday’s bloody battle outside the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, Texas—or whether the 2 incidents were just loosely connected in a longer gang war.” Nestel quotes an unnamed police source as saying, “The Gator’s incident was one of many & it all has to do with colors. They want to make sure the Bandidos go down.” You can read the complete Daily Beast article here. At the time of the Gator’s shooting, a source with knowledge of the incident told The Aging Rebel, “There has been a truce between the Bandidos & the Banshees & their brother club, the Ghostriders, for several years.... In recent years, it has been very amicable in the Dallas – Forth Worth area to the point of handshakes & friendly games of pool between the opposing clubs, which was absolutely unheard of before.” “The Ghost rider who was killed was the kind of man who would defuse a situation, not aggravate it. It makes no sense for him to be the one who got shot unless he stepped in to calm people down.” “I think the shit is about to get nasty down here,” the source said. “I believe it had to be started by a Fed or some sort of agent provocateur. Too many inroads to a peaceful coexistence have happened for this to be anything else.” The Aging Rebel investigated the incident but was unable to confirm that a Fed investigation involving the Bandidos was underway.

**When LIFE magazine rode with the Hells Angels** - May 20, 2015 – *California* - By Bill Ray, Time & Life; [www.Chron.com](http://www.Chron.com) - Fifty years ago, LIFE magazine photographer Bill Ray rode with the Hells Angels from San Bernardino to Bakersfield, documenting the outlaw biker gang & their leader, the infamous Sonny Barger. The MC, officially categorized by the FBI as a organized criminal enterprise, was founded in 1948 & are considered one of the “big 4” motorcycle gangs which include the Pagans, Outlaws & the Bandidos, who were in involved in the deadly Waco biker gang shootout. We have left the original captions from 1965 largely intact. There are scores of outlaw motorcycle groups who thunder across the United States, but the one that has defined the bikers in America’s collective imagination is the Hells Angels. Founded in Calif in 1948, the group now has between 2,000 & 2,500 members in 230 chapters in 26 countries. Thanks to drug trafficking, theft & a litany of other crimes, the group also poses as threat on 6 continents, according to the United States Justice Dept. The group was immortalized by Hunter S. Thompson’s “Hell’s Angels: A Strange & Terrible Saga,” in which the Gonzo journalist embedded himself with the biker gang, sharing in the adventures before fleeing after a savage beating that followed a late night party in California. Fifty years ago, LIFE magazine photographer Bill Ray also rode with the Hells Angels from San Bernardino to Bakersfield, documenting the outlaw biker gang & their leader, the infamous Sonny Barger. Take a photographic look back at his experience.

**3 things you should know about me:**

1. My Circle is Small
2. I’m Loyal to the End
3. Never Fuck Me Over...

**Bars, restaurants that cater to MCs reconsider biker events after Waco shootout** - May 20, 2015 – *Texas* - By Seth Robbins, The Associated Press; [www.570News.com](http://www.570News.com) - MCs have gathered dozens of times at Roy Barnett's bar for meetings just like the one that led to a shootout among rival biker gangs at a Waco restaurant. The setting, Barnett said, offers bikers the equivalent of Switzerland, a neutral zone where different clubs can come together to discuss issues, most of which are mundane. And they've always been peaceful affairs, he said. Barnett, a biker himself, considers motorcycle groups his core clientele at the Deer Crossing Saloon in Selma, TX, about 30 miles north of San Antonio. But he & others who regularly host biker events are reconsidering the risks of doing so in light of Sunday's shootout, which left 9 dead & 18 wounded. Barnett has decided to forbid any more meetings of the umbrella group that was gathering in Waco when the killings occurred. "I'll help them out," he said. "But I'm a businessman before I'm a biker."

**Police have said the meeting** of the Confederation of Clubs at the Twin Peaks restaurant was meant to settle disagreements over turf among 5 gangs. Some bikers dispute that idea, insisting that the meeting was organized to discuss motorcycle laws & other matters. In the aftermath of the shooting, the Twin Peaks restaurant immediately revoked the Waco franchise's license. Twin Peaks also suspended "bike nights" at all of its locations, including those in Texas, Nevada & Nebraska, to review safety procedures & out of respect for those killed & injured, company spokesman Rick Van Warner said. The restaurants, known for their waitresses' revealing uniforms, were not trying to attract outlaw motorcycle gangs by promoting biker nights, Van Warner said, & the shooting did not happen on one of these nights. One restaurant in Plano used to hold a bike night every Thu. "What happened in Waco is no reflection" of bike nights at Twin Peaks restaurants, he said. "The people you see at our bike nights are doctors & lawyers riding Harleys." Other restaurant chains are known to host the odd bike night, but the events are more typically held at local bars serving only beer that cater to bikers & allow them to walk outside with their drinks & examine the motorcycles. Barnett, who has owned his establishment for 18 years, sees problems with bars that promote biker events but don't really have a relationship with them. "They don't want bikers there," he said, "They want their money." Barnett has no trouble with bikers whose leather vests feature club colors & logos, saying there were rarely tensions among different groups. He made a distinction between run-of-the-mill MCs & outlaw motorcycle gangs. Other owners agreed that you have to know bikers in order to serve them.

**Mike Trainer, owner of Cannon Bar** on the Backbone in the hilly forests around Austin, said that it's not unusual for his bar to have up to 200 bikes stacked side by side in the parking lot. "We have people wearing colors, people not wearing colors," he said. "As an owner you have to keep your eyes open & make judgment calls." Trainer said he has had to reach out through a MC's chain of command to let them know that a member is no longer allowed in the bar, but the majority of bikers never cause trouble. "It's 1% of the motorcycle community that is a problem," he said. "I'm not going to alienate the other 99%." The Waco incident has elevated security concerns for motorcycle events in general. Austin's Republic of Texas Biker Rally, scheduled for this June & expecting 40,000 bikers, will go on as planned, organizers said, with the help of state & local police.

**Officials & rally organizers** of the famous Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota say they are well prepared, having already added extra L.E. for the up to 1 million people expected in August. Sturgis & other cities that annually put on large rallies, such as Daytona Beach, FL, routinely beef up LE to aid crowd control & prevent incidents arising from the large influx of motorcyclists. Ray Gold, founder of One-Eyed Jack's Saloon in Sturgis, said his simple solution to avoid trouble with biker gangs has been not to serve anyone wearing vests with gang colors. "We don't want the gangs here," he said, "because we lose good customers."

**One Texas sheriff says** he will close a road leading to the grounds of a motorcycle rally that had been scheduled for Memorial Day weekend by the Cossacks, one group involved in the Waco shootout. The rally was to take place in the town of Mingus, about 65 miles west of Fort Worth. Palo Pinto County Sheriff Ira Mercer said he spoke to the leaders of the Cossacks, & the club agreed to cancel the event. The rally had occurred for 13 years without incident, Mercer said. But "with what happened in Waco & the beef between those clubs, we felt this was a dangerous situation."

**Bandidos biker gang to participate in Red River Memorial Day rally** - May 20, 2015 – *Albuquerque, New Mexico* - By Chelo Rivera; [www.KRQE.com](http://www.KRQE.com) – The Bandidos one of the motorcycle gangs involved in the deadly brawl in TX are planning a rally in Red River this weekend. The event is prompting an increased police presence. The Taos News said several hundred Bandidos typically take part in the Red River Memorial Day Rally & they elect the state's Bandidos officers. Authorities say more than 50 New Mexico officers will be on the lookout for trouble. Some are coming from neighboring counties to help out.

**Justice Dept names 7 MCs as major criminal enterprises** - May 20, 2015 - *U.S.A.* – By Nigel Duara; Los Angeles Times; [www.MSN.com](http://www.MSN.com) - Since the 1966 epochal book "Hells Angels: The Strange & Terrible Saga of the OMGs" helped cement the image of MCs as a drug-addled danger to postwar society, the biker gang image has been largely defanged. The HAs are more likely to make news for suing the film "Wild Hogs" than the kind of drug-fueled bacchanalia for which they were once famous. But Sun's bloody confrontation in Waco, TX, is a jolting reminder that some motorcycle gangs are still a violent force in some parts of the country. "This is not a bunch of doctors & dentists & lawyers riding Harleys," Waco Police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said. The Justice Dept has identified 7 MCs that it believes are highly structured criminal enterprises, many of them allied in one form or another against the best-known gang, the HAMC. A Justice Dept report classifies such organizations as outlaw motorcycle gangs, & Fed LE authorities are focused on their alleged drug activity & possible connections to Mexican cartels.

**The Mongols:** The Southern Calif-centered Mongols MC has earned a reputation for violence since taking Los Angeles-area turf from the Hells Angels, according to the Justice Dept. "A majority of the Mongols membership consists of Hispanic males who live in the Los Angeles area, & many are former street gang members with a long history of using violence to settle grievances," according to the report. The Mongols have allied themselves with the Bandidos, Outlaws, Sons of Silence & Pagans to compete for territory & members with the Hells Angels, the report says. The ATF says it considers the Mongols the most violent MC.

**The Bandidos:** The Bandidos MC, with about 900 members in the U.S., is one of the 2 largest in the country, according to the Justice Dept. The Bandidos are centered in the West & South. "The Bandidos are expanding in each of these regions by forming additional chapters & allowing members from supporting clubs, known as 'puppet' or 'duck' club members, to join," according to the Justice Dept report. Such members wear the colors & patches of a small local club but do the "dirty work" of the larger "mother club," the Gov't says. The smaller clubs can eventually become a new chapter of the larger club.

**The Outlaws:** The Outlaws MC has 700 members in 86 chapters & is centered in the upper Midwest, where they compete with Hells Angels for members. Some Outlaws chapter members have been accused of murder & kidnapping, & Fed authorities say they believe much of the club's money is generated through the manufacture & distribution of methamphetamine. A "support club" called the Black Pistons MC was established as recently as 2002 but quickly expanded across the U.S. & into Europe. "The Outlaws also use the Black Pistons chapters to conduct criminal activity, especially for the transportation & distribution of drugs," according to the Fed report.

**The Hells Angels:** The best-known MC may no longer be the largest. The Hells Angels has 800 members, & the Justice Dept says it suspects that some members are leading extortion rings, committing murders & moving drugs.

**The Pagan's:** The Pagan's MC has 200 to 250 members, who operate in 11 Mid-Atlantic States, & is primarily concerned with trafficking cocaine, methamphetamine & PCP, according to the Justice Dept. The Pagans are tied to criminal enterprises in Pittsburgh & Philadelphia & are connected to extortion rings, arson & murder, the Gov't says.

**The Sons of Silence:** The Sons of Silence MC, centered in the Midwest, are small but have a reputation for violence, according to the Justice Dept. Numbering fewer than 250, the Sons of Silence have chapters in 30 states & are dangerous enough that the Justice Dept named them to its 4 MCs of greatest concern. The Sons of Silence have been "implicated in numerous criminal activities, including murder, assault, drug trafficking, intimidation, extortion, prostitution operations, money laundering, weapons trafficking, & motorcycle & motorcycle parts theft," according to the Justice Dept.

**The Vagos:** Operating on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border, the Vagos MC is active in the West & Southwest. Primarily concerned with the production & distribution of meth, Vagos members have also been charged with money laundering & insurance fraud, as well as violent crimes, the Justice Dept says.

**The Cossacks:** Less is known about the Cossacks, which were not cited in the Justice Dept report. They, along with the Bandidos, were among the gangs connected with Sunday's violence in Waco. The Cossacks & Bandidos have a violent history dating to at least 2013. On Nov. 2, 2013, a fight broke out between the 2 clubs outside the Logan's Roadhouse restaurant in Abilene, Texas. Five men were injured. A grand jury later indicted 2 men on aggravated assault charges. One of them was the leader of the Bandidos. The 9 people killed Sunday were either Cossacks or Bandidos.

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## Confederation of Clubs Goals

### **Bring the Patch holders Together:**

- Communication between clubs.
- A judicial coming together (not legislative) to protect our rights through the courts.

### **Fight Police Harassment & Discrimination:**

- Introduce anti-discrimination legislation, similar to the Unruh Act in California, in Confederation States that presently leave bikers unprotected; A.I.M. attorney to work with state Motorcycle Rights Organization on new laws.
- Form delegation of patch holders & other affected bikers; that together with their local A.I.M. attorney, present police harassment grievances to the police chief and/or civic entity responsible.
- Discriminatory establishments notified by the A.I.M. attorney that suit will be filed if they don't cease & desist.

### **Proclamation of Intent:**

- Working with local state MRO on legislative matters (ie. helmet issues, anti-biker discrimination, etc).
- Working with the National Coalition of Motorcyclists on Nat'l & Fed matters (ie. helmet issues, Fed Gang Bill, etc).
- Support Aid to Injured Motorcyclists by introducing the A.I.M. numbered card (special card only for patch holders) & program to the members & allowing A.I.M. to set up at events.

**"Out On The Weekend"** Think I'll pack it in & buy a pick-up  
Take it down to L.A. Find a place to call my own & try to fix  
up. Start a brand new day. The woman I'm thinking of, she  
loved me all up. But I'm so down today She's so fine, she's in  
my mind. I hear her callin'. See the lonely boy, out on the  
weekend Trying to make it pay. Can't relate to joy, he tries to  
speak & Can't begin to say. She got pictures on the wall, they  
make me look up. From her big brass bed. Now I'm running  
down the road trying to stay up. Somewhere in her head. The  
woman I'm thinking of, she loved me all up. But I'm so down  
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Can't relate to joy, he tries to speak & Can't begin to say.

**Free The Waco Bikers!** – May 28, 2015 – U.S.A. – Petition [URL: www.ipetitions.com/petition/free-the-waco-bikers](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/free-the-waco-bikers) - The meeting that was to be held on May 17, 2015, at the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, TX, was not a meeting of "rival biker gangs" as has been characterized by the Waco P.D. It was a regularly scheduled meeting of Region 1 (Central TX) of the Texas Confederation of Clubs & Independents (TCOC&I) -- a statewide organization which fosters discussion between all biker organizations...

### **U.S. Defenders:**

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

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