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Free All Brothers Behind Bars...

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The road goes on forever, & the party never ends... - Lawnmower Man

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Congratulations to **Pagan Hawk** on your release...

Congratulations to **Devil Dicile Mayhem** on your release...

Congratulations to **Bandido Paul** on your release to a 1/2 way house...

Welcome **Devils Dicile Crook** to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

**Correction:** The Happy Birthday on September 26th should have been for **Breed Panhead Fred**... Happy Birthday Panhead Fred....

The **Outlaws MC Nation (AOA)** has just renewed its Sponsorship of this Newsletter thru **January 2016**... **Thank You!!!**



**Editor's Note:** There was a very large police presence for the BBB Run in North Dakota. I plan on writing something up for a future issue.

**Editor's Note:** I would like to set a benefit for those arrested in Waco. If any of you can send (Donate) me something that you have made or you make, I'll set up a silent auction or something. I'll go thru the NCOM Christian Unity for distributing whatever amount is raised... More details later.

**Editor's Note:** For **June** there were 2 Issues, For **July** there were 2 Issues, For **August** this is the 1st Issue...

**Editor's Note:** Currently we are sending over 350 copies of this newsletter to members of 84 Motorcycle Clubs...

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

**Disclaimer:** The News Media does NOT always tell the Whole Truth... It tends to sensationalize the News to Sell Newspapers.  
*In Fact, Many Times the News Media gets the Facts Wrong!!!*

**Editor's Note** : It is too hard to keep up with counts, But for your info here are the Clubs that are getting the Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter (**84 Clubs**) in Prison: Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Brothers 8, Brotherhood Nomads, Brothers Of Wheels, Cloven Hoofs, 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*

**2015 ABATE of Minnesota State Rally - Sep 2015 - Minnesota**  
- By [www.AbateMN.org](http://www.AbateMN.org) - Get ready for a Labor Day weekend of biker fun, biker friendship & biker music. The 27th annual ABATE of Minnesota State Rally will be one you don't want to miss! Sept 3rd through the 6th, the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, MN is the place to be. On Labor Day weekend, motorcyclists from all over the state & region will be there to take part in the chili & tattoo contests, bike show & the awesome memorial ride. Also the best motorcycle rodeo around & the

always popular fashion show! Special to the Rally This Year.... Tim Jensen's Motorcycle Sled Pull...!! Talk is cheap - Let's see what your bike can do! **Show up Thursday night &** enjoy an awesome meal cooked up by Big `N Tasty Bar-B-Q at the annual **Motorcycle PAC fundraiser** while listening to the Moses Oakland Blues Band. They will be serving a chicken & rib combination dinner with potatoes & corn on the cob for \$15.00. All profits will go directly to Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota to help us protect the future of motorcycling & nobody leaves hungry. Blues & Bar-B-Q, what a great way to start a great weekend! If you can't stay for the weekend, no worries - admission for the Motorcycle PAC Bar-B-Q is free as long as you pay for the meal! The music Fri, Sat & Sun nights will be down to earth rock & blues that everyone can dance to. The food court, vendors & full service bar offer everything you need so you do not have to leave unless you want to enjoy the beautiful back roads of central Minn. See you there!

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**Dear Fellow Motorcyclists**: American Bikers for Awareness, Training, & Education of Minnesota is a not for profit, grass roots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists & the general public about motorcycling. A.B.A.T.E. members ride many different types & brands of motorcycles. We are all people with a common interest in a common activity. The fact that we share an interest in motorcycling is more important than the type of motorcycle we ride. There are chapters of A.B.A.T.E. located throughout Minnesota. Each of these chapters is represented on the A.B.A.T.E. Board of Directors. The B.O.D. also includes the A.B.A.T.E. state officers. The B.O.D. meets once each quarter to discuss the operation of the organization. In addition, each chapter holds a monthly meeting in their area of the state. A.B.A.T.E. is a member driven organization. Members are encouraged to participate in any of these meetings. A.B.A.T.E. seeks to promote the positive aspects of motorcycling & strives to protect the rights of motorcyclists by being involved in the local, state & Nat'l political process. Safer motorcycling, reducing accidents & fatalities can be best accomplished by education & training of both the motorcyclists & the general public, not necessarily through additional legislation. Our ability to enjoy many freedoms while riding motorcycles in Minnesota is the direct result of the work done by motorcyclists in our state. These people have joined together to fight for our rights & freedoms. The efforts of these people have made Minnesota a leader in motorcycle safety. We have one of the toughest licensing standards in the nation, the best public awareness programs, & the most comprehensive rider education programs in the nation. These efforts have helped reduce motorcycle accidents, injuries, & fatalities in spite of the growing number of licensed motorcyclists in Minnesota. To

continue these efforts we need your support & participation. Show your commitment to protecting & preserving your rights as a motorcyclist in Minnesota. Participate in the meetings, rides, & the fundraising activities. You will be informed about the motorcycle activities in the state by receiving Road Noise, the A.B.A.T.E. monthly news publication. A.B.A.T.E. is fun, educational & a great way to meet people & make new friends with similar interests. With your help, we can continue to promote the positive image of motorcyclists. If you want more information about A.B.A.T.E., please attend any of our meetings, meet other members, & ask questions. We are pleased that you have decided your rights are worth protecting, that the positive aspects of motorcycling are worth promoting, that education is important, & that the cost of an A.B.A.T.E. membership is a small price to pay to preserve & promote these principles. Members are the most important thing that A.B.A.T.E. has, so Thank You for becoming a member & we look forward to seeing you at our events.

**State Rally Report** – By Derrell W. Jensen - (763) 221-3138 - [Rally@AbateMN.org](mailto:Rally@AbateMN.org) - We have had some great riding weather, but the summer is flying by. The rally on Labor Day weekend is coming up so don't forget to get your advance tickets. Aug 15th is the deadline; after that they go to full price. This is going to be a great rally. It is your rally so come & have a great time! With the great bands, KORS on Sat 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, the motorcycle sled pulls & all the other events, lots to do & enjoy. Even if you don't sign up in advance to help with the Rally, just come to the First Aid building & sign up for shifts; we always need help. The grounds are open all week so come early & set up your camping gear or just hang out & help a little to set up the Rally. Have a great summer, Rally Chair, Derrell

**Write To Ride** - Frank Ernst - (612) 801-2920 - [Trustee@AbateMN.org](mailto:Trustee@AbateMN.org) - Write To Ride Program: The goal of the Write to Ride program is to encourage awareness & communication between A.B.A.T.E. members & legislators at the state & Fed levels. **Member Responsibilities:** Establish initial communication with the legislator (State or Fed). The communication does not need to be motorcycle issues specific, but can be related to any issue of legislative concern. **Forward a copy of the reply** correspondence to the Write to Ride Manager along with the A.B.A.T.E. member's name, & chapter name. (If member is willing we like to get copies of letters sent to legislators as well). **Requests should be sent to:** Frank Ernst - 840 Cree Drive - Chanhassen, MN 55317 or email: [Frank.Ernst@mchsi.com](mailto:Frank.Ernst@mchsi.com)

**2015 State Rally General Information:** Gate opens 8:00 am Fri, Sept 4th - Absolutely no one under 21 admitted - This is not a kid's party - All guests must carry photo ID with them at all times - **Day passes:** \$20.00 day pass starting at 12:00 noon every day. Includes all daily events - Motorcycle parking allowed within the grounds - Parking area for all other vehicles across from the main gate - **Weekend Pass Parking:** Motorcycles: Park free almost anywhere (it IS a biker party after all) - RV's or any vehicle you're sleeping in may be set up next to any campsite. (\$35.00 fee applies unless pulled by a motorcycle) - No electrical or water hook ups - Any non-motorcycle vehicle that does not have a parking pass clearly displayed will be towed at the owner's expense - All re-entries will be charged the \$35.00 fee again - Other vehicles will not be allowed to park inside the Rally area. - There will be a parking area across from the main gate - **Camping:** Included with the price of admission - Permitted in designated areas only (except by special permission from the Rally Chair) - **Beer / Liquor:** Outside

beverages allowed. There will be only on-sale available - No coolers allowed inside the Stage, Bar, & Vendor hub areas (we ask that you bring only a single beverage in these areas) - Please support our sponsor & vendor, the Litchfield American Legion - **Behavior:** No drag racing, burn outs, or wheelies; any hot dogging on your bike can get you a quick trip to the gate - Nudity is not allowed by State Law - We request that you be respectful of our hosts, Meeker County & the City of Litchfield. Use common sense when driving in the area. Avoid residential areas where children play during the day & sleep at night - Don't ride intoxicated! We want to keep you as an active - Member & you sure don't want to hurt anyone else - Anyone starting trouble is out, no questions asked - Anti-social behavior will get you escorted to the gate & possibly a ride in a local Sheriff's car - **Not Permitted at the Rally:** Weapons, Fireworks, Bad Attitudes, Racing, Pets/Animals, Personal Golf Carts or 4-wheelers. Not Responsible for Losses or Damages - "Good Attitudes" Yes! "Bad Attitudes" No!

### 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 AIM to set up at events.

**I, Michael Davis, being of sound mind & body, do not wish to be kept alive indefinitely by artificial means. Under no circumstances should my fate be put in the hands of pinhead politicians who couldn't pass ninth grade biology if their lives depended on it, or lawyers/doctors interested in simply running up the bills. If a reasonable amount of time passes & I fail to ask for at least one of the following:**

Glass of wine	Margarita	Sex
Martini	Cold Beer	Chocolate
Mexican food	French fries	Pizza
Ice cream	Gentleman Jack	Cup of coffee

It should be presumed that I won't ever get better. When such a determination is reached, I hereby instruct my appointed person & attending physicians to pull the plug, reel in the tubes, let the 'fat lady sing,' & call it a day...

**I'm so busy...** I don't know if I found a Rope or Lost my Horse.

**In Country Vets, False Accusations, Unethical “Journalism” And The Aging Rebel** - Aug 11, 2015 – Texas – By Double D;

<https://motorcycleprofilingproject.wordpress.com/2015/08/11/false-rebel>

Despite zero substantiating fact, the Irresponsible Rebel crossed the lines of ethics & decency... On May 17 4 members of the In Country MC, formerly In Country Vets MC, were initially rounded-up & arrested along with 177 others in Waco, Texas. After being arrested all 4 of these individuals were detained for hours. Without explanation from their Waco captors, all 4 were then gathered together & told they were being released. They were driven to the Convention Center where the arrested were originally processed, given back their belongings, absent their legal weapons, driven to a near-by station & finally released. Based on these circumstances, the Aging Rebel erroneously asserted that the reason these individuals would be arrested & released is because they were confidential informants working with the Waco authorities. Despite zero substantiating fact, the Irresponsible Rebel crossed the lines of ethics & decency by plastering the names of wives & children on a blog. These accusations were irresponsible, unethical, disrespectful, & damaging at many levels. As a Nat'l spokesperson representing confederations & coalitions of MCs coast-to-coast, it is important that irresponsible reporting be answered. Although the content of the article is no longer posted, no explicit apology or retraction has yet to be offered. Once something is posted it exists in some form forever. So are the names of family. Although an article was later posted about one of the ICMC members that was un-arrested & correctly stated that he was mistakenly arrested because of how he looked, that is not an apology. It's time to set the record straight.

**Initially, it is important** to be familiar with the In Country MC & what they represent. The In Country are comprised of only actual in-country Vietnam veterans. The youngest member of this club is over the age of 65. The ICMC is a registered 501c19 nonprofit veteran's organization. The ICMC is extremely dedicated to the motorcycle rights movement & the Confederation of Clubs. Their Nat'l Pres is a respected & active leader in the MC community. When the last member passes, this club will exist only in memory. To potentially tarnish the image & reputation of an important veteran's institution based on conjecture is highly disrespectful, particularly when those pointing fingers are part of the motorcycle community. These men made immense sacrifices for freedom & continue that fight in the motorcycle rights movement. If there is no proof, no “paperwork”, it is imperative that these rumors stop now & an explicit retraction be written apologizing for such grossly irresponsible reporting.

**Many individuals were released** from the scene that day because LE determined that the club had no connection to the clubs that LE alleges were part of the conflict. The ICMC was the only veterans organization arrested that day. Every other veterans club was released hours earlier. The ICMC were initially & incorrectly identified to be organizationally associated with one of the accused clubs. This may be because their patch says In Country & doesn't have the word vets or veterans like all of the other military clubs present. LE's assumption was initially incorrect & thankfully a few of the innocents were released & un-arrested. Those released were not confined to veterans clubs. For example, members of the Boozefighters MC were released & even spoke to the media about their experience. There were nearly 200 people present & detained, so obviously many were released. When it was discovered that the ICMC were veterans & not affiliated with any other club, the process of release began. Officers had to ask

for the names of ICMC members so they could be released. Basic logic dictates that if they were informants this would not have been necessary. Importantly, if a source were truly familiar with the current MC world & the Confederation of Clubs, then reaching out to talk to all of these individuals to gather responsible research would have been extremely easy. In fact, I have contacted every one of them & gathered the story in their words.

**Responsible reporting**, especially from those intending to help motorcyclists, requires thorough investigation. If an individual does not have the connections to the current MC world then the last thing that they should do is levy accusations based on conjecture & absolutely no fact. To go as far as naming individuals & their families, without conducting a proper journalistic investigation, is simply inexcusable. I give these accusations absolutely no credibility. Animal, the ICMC Nat'l Pres, has many close relationships with MCs nationwide. Considering this reality, these accusations are not deemed credible by those most active in the motorcycle rights movement because they are blatantly false. What kind of sense does it make to assert that 4 Vietnam veterans all over the age of 65 were active informants in Waco? None of them live in Waco & every one of them is highly involved in the rights movement & the struggle to fight LE profiling & discrimination.

**In fact, let me put it this way.** These men have fought & risked their lives for all of our freedom their entire lives, from the jungles of Vietnam to the streets of America. The least that we can do is hear their side of events & conduct responsible research, so their sacrifices are not forgotten or taken for granted, tarnished by false accusations. I know these men from their involvement in the motorcycle rights movement. I feel confident that these accusations are false. I am Chair of the Washington State Confederation of Clubs & US Defenders, Nat'l Liaison to the US Defenders, co-chair of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Legislative Task Force, Spokesperson for the Nat'l Council of Clubs, director of the Motorcycle Profiling Project, & I am a member of ABATE & BOLT USA. I'd like to feel like I have a good sense of the community & the clubs involved in that community.

**Absent a retraction & sincere apology**, I think every motorcyclist & MC member should boycott the The Irresponsible Rebel to send a clear message that this type of unethical reporting will not be tolerated or embraced by the motorcycling community. Nothing released by this source can be assumed to be accurate, thorough, or informed, based on this incident. The Irresponsible Rebel has thus far refused to apologize for this wrong. Ego & ignorance have no place in the fight for freedom against discrimination & profiling targeting motorcyclists nationwide. The Irresponsible Rebel should be considered nothing more than low standard tabloid journalism until the cannons of ethical journalism are embraced & false & damaging statements are retracted. Persecuting in the media those that were innocent victims, arrested & detained for attending a political gathering in Waco, is disgusting, indefensible & must be isolated, excised & completely ignored.

**In the Words of the Accused Members of the ICMC:** Please take the time to read the words of the falsely accused. It is very apparent, based on the content of these letters alone, that The Aging Rebel's accusations are baseless.

**Letter #1:** Good morning Mr. Devereaux; Our ICMC Nat'l Pres, Animal, & our TX State Pres, Cowboy, provided your email address & asked that we contact you. We follow your communications about the Waco massacre & much appreciate all you're doing for us in the TX biker community. That's in addition to everything you've accomplished getting rid of rider profiling & standing up for motorcycle rights. Four TX ICMC Brothers were directly affected by the events of 17/18 May 15. As you've read online the 4 of us were named as 'snitches' who cooperated with the WPD in making the incident happen. That is a complete lie. What information can we provide you to help refute this smear tactic? Sincerely, Gerry Lowrey; ICMC Rocketman

**Letter #2:** Good Morning Dave – This is what I experienced 17/18 May 15. The sequence of events for each of us 4 IC members differs slightly regarding processing at the convention center & jail. I've attended TCOC&I meetings for 5 years & have not seen problems.

- **Because of rain** I drove from Georgetown TX to a meetup near Belton TX with Rod Nash, Terry Gott, & Bob Douglas. They also drove & I followed them from Belton to the Twin Peaks in Waco. The Reg 1 TCOC&I meeting had been publicly scheduled for 1300 & we anticipated driving home by 1400. Waco is 70+ miles from my home.
- **Arrived in Waco** a little before 1200 & parked on the west side of the Twin Peaks in the shopping mall common parking area.
- **We said hello** to some bikers in the parking lot, went into Twin Peaks to use the restroom, & walked outside to the east side of the café.
- **We stood** in the parking lot near the I-35 frontage road & talked amongst ourselves. About 1215 we heard shots to the west of us.
- **I was facing** south when I heard the shots, looked over my right shoulder to the west, & saw a group of bikers between Twin Peaks & Don Carlos starting to run.
- **I turned to the** left, went over the berm near the frontage road, & laid down on the ground so as to not get hit by bullets.
- **The shooting stopped** after a very few minutes. I couldn't see what was occurring on the west side of Twin Peaks.
- **Very soon there** were cops on the frontage road behind us. A cop took my legal gun, knives, driver's license, & cell phone & put them on the pavement.
- **We were kept** on the ground near the frontage road until approximately 17:00. We were allowed to piss behind a garbage container shortly before 1700.
- **About 17:00** my hands were tightly plasti-cuffed behind my back & I was put into a cop van. After an hour in the van I was taken into the Waco convention center & placed into a large room with other bikers. All were similarly cuffed.
- **During the time** in the center I was interviewed by a cop who asked for personal information & took pictures. Later during the night I was interviewed by a nurse & other personnel related to being jailed. I told them 2 or 3 times that ICMC is a 501c19 non-profit veterans club that does not support any other club or organization. I did not discuss other clubs or speculate upon recent events.
- **Approximately 05:00** 18 May 15 I was taken by van to the jail. At the jail I waited with others to be processed. When it was my turn they cut off my plasti-cuffs so I could help inventory my possessions.

- **Before the inventory** process was complete a cop came up to me, put on steel handcuffs, & asked the processor to give me a check for the money they had taken. I was given my bag of possessions & taken to a driveway area. In the area was Nash & Gott.
- **We were put** into a van & taken back to the convention center. At the center we were allowed to put on our belts, socks, shoes, wallets, keys, etc.
- **The 4 of us** & another man were driven to the Lacy Lakeview police station north of Waco & permitted to call for transportation. Gott's wife came to Waco & drove the 4 of us back to the meetup location in Belton. Other vehicles had been left there because we expected to be back by 1500 Sunday. Got got his vehicle & drove me to Georgetown.
- **Approximately 10 days** later I was allowed to get my vehicle from the WPD impound lot. A few days later I received my driver's license in the mail. At this time I do not have my cell phone, gun, & knives. Part of my right thumb remains numb from too many hours in tight plastic cuffs.
- **I have never** been arrested or detained by LE. My last traffic ticket was approximately 1978. I have grad credits beyond my MS. I retired from the USAF with 21+ years of honorable service, including volunteer time in Vietnam & Thailand. I retired from Boeing Aerospace Houston after working 13 years on the space station program. My final job was as the Manager of Quality Engineering & Inspection. I started riding in 1963 & ICMC is the only club of which I've been a member.

Sincerely, Gerry Lowrey

**Letter #3:** Mr. Devereaux my name is Terry Gott, one of the 4 un-arrested at Waco, this idiot Aging Rebel has even posted my wife & son's names in his bullshit blog, he states that in his opinion that because we were un-arrested, therefore we must be C.I.s. He has no right placing people's well-being & families in jeopardy simply on his warped opinion. I don't Facebook & I don't twitter, tweet or respond to drama shopping such as this lying Rebel shit. We, as you already know, were the only ones arrested & then un-arrested with no explanation etc. I would speculate after realizing we are a Veteran MC & individual background check? We as everyone else were detained & kept barefoot & zipped tied behind the back for attending a COC meeting in Waco. Times not exact, but between 3:00 am & 4:00 am on 18th May, Nash, Lowry & I transported from Convention Center to Waco jail for in-processing, booking etc. Lowry was entered into jail, Nash into pre-processing cell & I 1st out in bus for next vacancy, several mins. later I was told to exit bus & told to face up against the building, few mins. later I was joined by Nash & Lowry. After bus was emptied, we 3 were told to re-enter bus & returned to Convention Center & told we were being released, no other explanation giving. We are a Vietnam MC of ages 65+ that put all our efforts toward helping vets. This bullshit that this guy is drooling is just that, BULLSHIT! Not a Brother in this MC would put their loved ones or family in jeopardy by being a damned C.I. or snitch, what this lying Rebel is doing is just wrong, period.

**Letter #4:** Good afternoon Mr. Devereaux, My Nat'l Pres & my State Pres, provided me with your email & asked if I would contact you. We've been following your communications about the Waco massacre. I am one of the 4 In Country MC that got arrested that day. We were the only veteran's MC that did get arrested. All the other veterans clubs got released hours before us. We were the only Veterans Club that made it to jail. I guess that's why we were

un-arrested. I guess the Waco police don't really know that much about MCs. I think we didn't get released we got arrested & then un-arrested because our cuts did not have Veteran on the backside. I don't think the Waco police new What In Country stood for. There is no way in hell any of our organization is CI's for Waco police, FBI, or the ATF. My hat goes off to Amy Irene White for her story on us. As the other storyteller writing articles he's so full of s\*\*\* his eyes are brown. I think is pretty well covers most everything if you need any more information you can contact me.

**Letter #5:** Good afternoon Mr. Devereaux, I guess this is going to be a continuation of my email to you from yesterday. I'm going to try & give you a time line from 17 May to 18 May.

We arrived at Twin peaks in Waco at 12 p.m. As we arrived we were met by another Veterans Club telling us that there was a hundred & ten Cossacks around the corner. We walked right by them & into the bathroom of Twin Peaks.

We departed the restaurant & stood out front of Twin Peaks in the far left front corner, stood there & talked to other clubs.... Soon as [the fight started] the Waco police jumped out of their vehicles & started shooting into the crowd....

We stayed there until we got the all clear & the Waco police rounded us up & made us sit there & look at the dead people for 5 hours. While they had me spread eagle on the highway they started searching our bodies for weapons.

At that time they took my weapon (my automatic pistol) & my CHL license. After 5 hours they handcuffed all of us & loaded us into vans for port to the Convention Center.

At that time they took our wallets & anything that was in our pockets including our shoes & socks, all while in handcuffs.... We stayed in the convention center till about 4 in the morning.

Then we when to the County Jail. I guess at this time we were arrested or we wouldn't been going to the county jail. Around 5 o'clock I was in a cell block with 3 other individuals. A Waco police officer walked in & said you with the in country vets come with me.

I followed him out of this cell then he told me to go over to the left side wall & put my hands on the wall in there. There I met one more in country member & the officer asked me if there was any more in country members in jail I told him yes there was one more & I gave him his name. at that time when all 3 of us were together the officer told us that we were going to be released.

They took us back to the convention center & started to give us our purpose no properties back less my phone my knife & my gun. Oh yes they also took my vehicle. I know I'll never get my knife back it took 9 days to get my vehicle back. It took 5 weeks to get my phone back & my last contact with the Waco PD which has the serial number & registration to my gun said I might get my gun back by Christmas but 1st they have to run ballistics on it see if I shot anybody.

Hot Rod, Pres, IVCORP TX, ICMC

\* **Questioning the honor & integrity** of any of these men, men willing to identify themselves & openly tell their story, men with established track records & a history of dedication to freedom & motorcycle rights, without conducting any research or factual validation, is abhorrent & will only serve to divide a community that requires unity for survival.

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**Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall Of Fame Inductions:** As part of the annual Sturgis Rally festivities, the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame hosts an Induction Breakfast to honor the new class of HOF inductees, & for 2015 Aid to Injured Motorcyclists & the National Coalition of Motorcyclists are proud to Congratulate founder Richard M. Lester on his induction into the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame. Lester, a California attorney who 3 decades ago founded AIM as a free nationwide legal protection program for motorcyclists & NCOM as a voice for the motorcycle community, has also started numerous subsequent motorcycle outreach groups, such as the Confederation of Clubs, Christian Unity & the Nat'l Sport Bike Association. "Each year the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame recognizes the sacrifices that individuals across the nation, & the world, have made to protect the rights of those who ride," said museum Executive Director Christine Paige Diers. "Their names are engraved into the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame, a growing list of exemplary & tenacious men & women who serve diligently, humbly & quietly so that we may enjoy the liberties that many of us take for granted." Emceed by longtime rider & billionaire businessman John Paul DeJoria, the breakfast ceremonies held at The Lodge in Deadwood, S.D. were attended by a huge crowd of supporters & prior inductees, there to recognize the newly inducted HOF members, which also included: champion racer Everett Brashear, Sturgis Police Chief Jim Bush - winner of the J.C. "Pappy" Hoel Outstanding Achievement Award, EagleRider rentals founder Chris McIntyre, celebrity bike builder John Shope, chopper pioneer Sugar Bear, racing sponsor & Harley dealer Don Tilley (posthumously), & famed custom bike builder Eddie Trotta. As part of the annual Sturgis Rally festivities, the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame hosts an Induction Breakfast to honor the new class of HOF inductees, & for 2015 Aid to Injured Motorcyclists & the National Coalition of Motorcyclists are proud to Congratulate founder Richard M. Lester on his induction into the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame. Lester, a California attorney who 3 decades ago founded AIM as a free nationwide legal protection program for motorcyclists & NCOM as a voice for the motorcycle community, has also started numerous subsequent motorcycle outreach groups, such as the Confederation of Clubs, Christian Unity & the Nat'l Sport Bike Association. "Each year the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame recognizes the sacrifices that individuals across the nation, & the world, have made to protect the rights of those who ride," said museum Executive Director Christine Paige Diers. "Their names are engraved into the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame, a growing list of exemplary & tenacious men & women who serve diligently, humbly & quietly so that we may enjoy the liberties that many of us take for granted." Emceed by longtime rider & billionaire businessman John Paul DeJoria, the breakfast

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**Washington Confederation Of Clubs & ABATE Prevent Motorcycle Profiling Patrols:** The Washington State Traffic Safety Commission & Washington State Patrol were planning targeted motorcycle safety patrols from July 31 thru August 16. These patrols would be in direct violation of RCW 43.101.419, the law prohibiting motorcycle profiling. Through the unified efforts of the Confederation of Clubs, ABATE, & the U.S. Defenders, these planned patrols WILL NOT HAPPEN & an alert has been issued to participating agencies to help ensure profiling does not occur. In response to a letter outlining these grievances from COC attorney Mike Myers, the WSTC claimed the original press release announcing the patrols was a mistake. They apologized, reversed their position, & even issued an alert to all participating agencies outlining the state prohibition on motorcycle profiling. The following retraction was posted on the WSTC Its a Fine Line site: "Update: A draft press release was mistakenly distributed earlier this week which raised some questions about our motorcycle safety campaign. Motorcycle safety patrols are beginning this Friday, July 31, & running through Aug 16 in Pierce, King, & Snohomish Counties. Motorcyclists are over-represented in crashes that result in serious injuries & death. These patrols are focused in areas where there are a high number of motorcycle rider fatalities. These patrols will be focused on all motor vehicle drivers & motorcycle riders who commit traffic safety violations. The Washington Traffic Safety Commission & participating LE agencies condemn profiling. Trained & commissioned LE officers will be conducting these patrols enforcing traffic violations as defined by Washington State laws. An updated press release will be distributed to the media & posted on this website on Friday, July 31, 2015." "The Washington State Motorcycle Rights movement continues to provide an exemplary model for the fight against profiling & the advancement of our rights base," said Double D, Chair of the Confederation of Clubs of Washington, & Lyle Coyle, State Coordinator of ABATE of Washington, in a joint statement. "Simply put, the motorcycle profiling law in Washington State has the power to reverse discriminatory policymaking conducted by state agencies & reinforce the regime of protection legally enjoyed by motorcyclists in our state."

**"Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act" Advances in Congress:** The U.S. Senate passed a 6-year Fed Highway Bill on July 30 with a bipartisan vote of 65-34, & the measure now moves to the House for further action, but Congress also passed its 6th short-term funding extension in 6 years to move the bill off the front burner until late Oct. The Senate-passed version of the highway bill contains the following bill text, on page 539 of S.1647, the Drive act; or Developing a Reliable & Innovative Vision for the Economy act:

**Part II—Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act - Sec. 34121.** Short Title. This part may be cited as the "Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act". **Sec. 34122.** Grant Restriction. Notwithstanding section 153 of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary may not provide a grant or any funds to a State, county,

town, township, Indian tribe, municipality, or other local Gov't that may be used for any program -- (1) to check helmet usage; or (2) to create checkpoints that specifically target motorcycle operators or motorcycle passengers.

**Motorcycle "Road Guards" to Patrol Minnesota Roadways:** Certified motorcyclists known as "road guards" are hitting Minnesota roads as of Aug 4th, & they'll be able to stop & control traffic for large motorcycle group rides throughout the state. The new state law requires road guards to: **1.** Successfully complete a driving record review & a training course to receive a motorcycle road guard certificate. **2.** Meet safety & equipment standards outlined in the law. **3.** Only act as a flagger for group rides with 20 motorcycles or more. **4.** Notify each statutory or home rule charter city through which the ride is traveling. **5.** Receive consent from the chief of police of city of the first class through which the ride is traveling. **Drivers** stopped by a certified road guard must obey the flagger's instructions & stay stopped until they are given the "all clear" signal from a flagger or police officer. Road guards are not allowed to hold traffic for longer than 10 minutes.

**Legislators Define Autocycles:** Part car, part motorcycle, it's an AutoCycle. Three-wheel vehicles like the Elio, or Polaris Slingshot, Campagna T-Rex, Tanom Invader, Morgan, & Toyota's new i-Road all definitely drive differently than motorcycles but currently, because these vehicles are technically motorcycles in the U.S., drivers are required to wear a helmet in many states & are also required to obtain a motorcycle license. **North Carolina** most recently passed a bill signed by Governor Pat McCrory to define an autocycle as a "three-wheeled motorcycle that has a steering wheel, pedals, seat safety belts for each occupant, antilock brakes, air bag protection, completely enclosed seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride, & is otherwise manufactured to comply with Fed safety requirements for motorcycles," meaning drivers won't need a special license nor will they need to wear a helmet. In May, the 84th **Texas** Legislature pushed through SB 449, which similarly defines an autocycle which can be operated without a motorcycle license, & requiring no motorcycle training, but requiring a helmet (helmet requirements & exceptions for autocycles are the same as those for motorcycles). In **Indiana**, as of March 12 autocycles are defined as "a 3-wheeled motor vehicle in which the operator & passenger ride in a completely or partially enclosed seating area that is equipped with: (1) a rollage or roll hoops; (2) safety belts for each occupant; & (3) antilock brakes; & is designed to be controlled with a steering wheel & pedals." Helmets & goggles are not mandatory, but a motorcycle license is needed to drive them, & at the same time autocycles are not included in the "dead red" law allowing motorcycles to run a red traffic light after waiting 2 minutes without a signal change. With these 3-wheelers currently classified as motorcycles by the **Nat'l Highway Traffic Safety Administration**, & various conflicting laws across the country that regulate them, on March 12, 2015, U.S. Senator David Vitter (R-LA) introduced the Autocycle Safety Act (S.685 / House companion H.R.2892 by Rep. John R. Moolenaar (R-MI), which creates the new classification "autocycle" for enclosed motor vehicles with 3 wheels & aims to set a single standard for all 3-wheeled road vehicles, hopefully making it easier for companies to bring autocycles to mass market. To date, 26 states have enacted or are currently developing classifications for enclosed, 3-wheeled vehicles as autocycles at the state level, requiring

individual states to determine helmet & motorcycle endorsements for these vehicles, so enacting Fed legislation will provide consistency across the country. The legislation provides that autocytle manufacturers must immediately meet certain safety standards until such time as the NHTSA can promulgate final safety regulations covering autocyctes. To be eligible for the new classification of autocytle, the vehicle must qualify as meeting Fed Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) -- not limited to, but including most standards for passenger vehicles under 10,000 lbs. Some of the requirements will be FMVSS for seat belts & seat belt anchors, child restraints, roof crush & meet upper interior impact standards. Autocyctes also must have front & side curtain airbag protection. In addition to numerous safety standards needed for qualification, autocyctes must meet FMVSS for motorcycles as well. The legislation also requires the continued investigation of additional standards appropriate for autocyctes, developing additional safety standards for these vehicles. Automotive fuel standards also apply to autocyctes.

**U.S. States with the Worst Roads:** U.S. Dept of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx is fed up with Congress' inaction to pass a long-term transportation funding measure, & in a July 9 blog post, Secretary Foxx once again called out Congress for their lack of action, followed by statistics of American roads & bridges by state. Altogether, 65% of roads in the United States are in "less-than-good" condition, according to the American Society of Civil Engineers 2013 Report Card for America's Infrastructure. These are the 10 states with the worst roads: 10. Oregon, 9. New Jersey, 8. Washington, 7. California, 6. Rhode Island, 5. Colorado, 4. Oklahoma, 3. Wisconsin, 2. Connecticut, & coming in at #1 is Illinois with 73% of their roads in poor/mediocre condition.

**Rings Limited in California:** The following was distributed via social media within ABATE of Calif & the Confederations of Clubs from Pastor Tom, who writes; "Family, this is the penal code being used to harass & arrest Bikers who wear rings on all of their fingers. It has been suggested that we only wear 3 rings on each hand, maximum." 4 Rings Apply to this, 3 is max... California Penal Code section 21810 defines metal knuckles as: "...any device or instrument made wholly or partially of metal which is worn for purposes of offense or defense in or on the hand & which either protects the wearer's hand while striking a blow or increases the force of impact from the blow or injury to the individual receiving the blow. The metal contained in the device may help support the hand or fist, provide a shield to protect it, or consist of projections or studs which would contact the individual receiving a blow."

**Thai Students Protest Ban on Motorbikes:** College students in Thailand are protesting having to walk to class. According to the Bangkok Post, about 1,000 students from Naresuan Univ in Phitsanulok province recently gathered in front of the Pres's office to protest a "green Univ" project that prohibits them from using motorbikes on campus.

**Quotable Quote:** "It is not the function of the Gov't to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the Gov't from falling into error." ~ U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Parker, Chief Prosecutor for the U.S. at the Nurnberg Trials

**Christian Unity assists Waco families** - NCOM Press Release 08-23-15 – *Texas / U.S.A.* – By <http://christian-biker-unity.org> - The National Coalition of Motorcyclists requests your kind assistance in disseminating the attached press release & request for assistance in helping to aid the Waco families, beset by tragedy since many heads of households have remained under arrest since the shooting & others who're released but constrained by strict anti-association stipulations, some losing jobs & even kids to CPS in the horrific aftermath. Your help by printing this inf in your publications, and/or forwarding it out through e-blasts or to your social network contacts, would be much appreciated by NCOM, Christian Unity & those most affected by the Waco travesty.

**Christian Unity Offers Shield of Faith** to Waco Victims: It's Wed morning & the bikers with Christian insignias on their vests are in a café downing coffee. This is their weekly meeting to share news & go over applications for assistance for the victims & families of the Waco tragedies. "This one is getting ready to have their electricity shut off," says Duane. "I think we need to pay the bill". The applicants are from motorcycle groups & clubs from all over the state. Whether they were veterans, 1% club members, independent riders, chaplains, or claimed religious or political affiliations, it didn't matter. What did matter was that they were victims who were detained, deceased or wounded at the Confederation of Clubs meeting at Twin Peaks & they needed financial help. Many have lost their jobs for an unusual charge of 'engaging in organized crime.' The loss of health insurance coupled with paying large bonds out of their savings & strapped with monthly lawyer & leg monitor fees put their budgets into a tailspin. The situation for them has become desperate.

**Decisions made,** Frank hands out another \$4000 in gift cards for gasoline, groceries & other necessities. Shield of Faith, an Assembly of God Church non-profit, has volunteered to receive & disburse monies donated to assist the families. The AG also financially supports Honorbound MM, a Motorcycle Ministry of ordained chaplains. After a time of prayer, they leave for another day of disbursing the assistance. Honorbound Chaplain, Duane, who is also an NCOM Christian Unity Council member, meets Soldiers for Jesus MC member, Billy the Kid, halfway to San Antonio & gives him some gift cards for the families there. Frank counts out the cards to go to Preacher in Dallas. Preacher is the Chaplain for the DFW COC. Louie, The NCOM board liaison for Christian Unity & certified grief chaplain, heads to the McClellan County Jail to visit with & teach an anger management class for the detainees who haven't made bond. Then it's an overnight stay with a biker who has invited him to stay at his home each week as he travels from Conroe 160 miles away.

**This is the NCOM Christian Unity** Motorcycle Resource Team in action. Since the founding of NCOM 30 years ago, it was recognized that there were a great number of Christian motorcycle groups & independent riders across the nation. Many of them were involved with NCOM & their local Confederation of Clubs as well as attending yearly NCOM conventions. NCOM Christian Unity was born 10 years ago out of the need to network with them in their work to better serve the motorcycle community. The MRT or Motorcycle Resource Teams were developed 5 years ago to respond to needs in the motorcycle community with certified & skilled members in areas such as chaplaincy, first aid, EMT, & vehicle transport. Requirements must be met to meet their mission statement. "The purpose of the NCOM Christian Unity Motorcycle Resource Team is to provide a unified response to the

needs of the biker community within their COC area & NCOM region with effective & credible service.” There are Christian Unity MRTS in 7 of the 11 Confederation of Clubs in Texas.

**It's now Thursday.** Louie's wife Denise updates him in the morning. “The Alabama COC sent \$4,000, someone who sells Innocent Biker t-shirts will be sending Shield of Faith their profits,” she says. Denise spends hours each day making Facebook posts, making appeals to potential donors & doing what she calls ‘search & rescue’ to locate & speak with some of these victims. “Offering ‘free money’ has never been so difficult. Some of them are worried to contact us & apply because they have a non-association with bike clubs stipulation as terms of their release. Our attorney has assured us that we do not fall into that category because we are all certified chaplains in ministerial associations that have 501c3 status, she says; “We have to persuade some of them to apply for the help. Some of them have never had to ask for help before & it is humiliating to do so. Some folks don't even know we exist. Non-association with their motorcycle community has compounded the problem.” This special education teacher is not getting much of a summer break.

**Denise shares some of the contact info** for Louie so he can make 2 separate stops before he heads back to Conroe. One person he will meet up with is Drama, from nearby Mart. Sandra (Drama) Lynch is the Legislative Strike Force State Co-Director of the US Defenders; a part of NCOM. She was one of 4 women that was detained & released with a large leg monitor on her ankle, usually reserved for dangerous criminals like sex offenders & murderers. Because she is not allowed to speak to any of the members of the motorcycle group she belongs to, she has made phone contact with a friend of relatives. They will then go through an intermediary to get the much needed assistance to members who had also been detained. Louie gives her \$700 in gas & grocery cards, gives Drama a hug & moves on to his last stop. When he walks into Denny's, Louie sees the mother of 4 little ones at the table. The mama is holding an infant no more than 4 months old. As he sits down & gives \$400 in Walmart & gas cards to her, a rosy cheeked daughter says, “Thanks Mr. Louie, now we can go to Walmart & get some food.” Louie was really moved by the little girl & said, “Maybe your mom will be able to buy you a little something.” The mom said, “It will have to be a real little something because we need groceries.” Louie prays with the family & gives specially made Biker bibles for the husband & wife. He heads out of Denny's with tears in his eyes & an imprint on his heart. Mission accomplished for this week.

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**Update:** Initially, our first goal was to raise \$50,000, but now that we are past our halfway mark, we are beginning to raise back-to-school funds. We estimate about 30 children of the victims who need school supplies & clothing & shoe vouchers. When parents are paying monthly costs of \$500 for lawyer fees, & \$275 monitor fees, not to mention paying back loans for their bonds, there is no money left for clothes or school supplies. One mom said she's been so caught up in the daily survival that she hadn't even thought about the kids going back to school.

**To provide aide for the TxCO&I families** affected by the Waco tragedy, send checks or money orders (no cash) made out to Shield Of Faith, c/o Texas Christian Unity, P.O. Box 2321, Cedar Park,

TX 78630. Funds received will be used for assisting the families of detainees in their practical needs - gas cards to visit their incarcerated family member, grocery gift cards, utilities, etc. None of the funds will be used for legal defense. A small percentage will be used for transportation & lodging for chaplains & facilitators to the families.

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Checks must be made out to SHIELD OF FAITH or we will not be able to deposit them.

Do not make the check out to an individual or to Christian Unity.  
We are using the church for accountability.  
Write in the memo section WACO - AIDE FAMILIES.



**In Country Vietnam – Texas** – From their Website which is: [www.ICMC-Texas.org](http://www.ICMC-Texas.org) – Who Are We? - We are Combat Veterans who served in Vietnam; on the ground, in the air & on the water. We follow the code established by our Brothers, the first returning Viet Nam Vets who formed outlaw motorcycle clubs. We are not allied with any other MC. We do not claim territory & we are not 1%ER. We respect all MCs & follow local protocol established by the dominant 1%ER MC. We have the right to defend ourselves. We have paid our dues in Vietnam & in each of the many states in which we ride. We claim a special kinship with all men who served In Country Vietnam. We say “Welcome Home, Brother,” & for our Brothers who did not come home we say “Rest in Peace, you will Never be forgotten.”

**The In Country MC** was conceived & founded in late 1994 by a small group of Vietnam veterans in Illinois who had served in country, & wanted to ride together in a motorcycling brotherhood with a desire to support & assist each other, other veterans, veterans' widows & dependents, & other members of the community. The club is wholly benevolent in purpose & organization. Following appropriate protocols, the founders met with the senior clubs in their area & received approval to wear the patch they had designed - an In Country top rocker, a stylized version of the Vietnam Service Medal as a center patch, an MC

patch, & their unit ID as a bottom. A Constitution & Bylaws were drawn up, & the club was incorporated as a not-for-profit war veterans MC in Illinois. In line with their motto of “Vets Helping Vets”, they applied for, & were granted an IRS 501c(19) Fed tax exempt status. In the twenty years since the club was founded, it has grown to include members, chapters, & charters all over the U.S., but as of 2002, the first International chapter was formed, comprised of Vietnam veterans living in Germany. The In Country MC - Texas began in 2004 when, after following appropriate protocols, Texas members met with the senior clubs in Texas & received approval to fly our patch.

*All our members have served* at least one tour of duty “In Country” & have earned the Vietnam Service Medal. Combat Veterans who served in Vietnam & currently ride motorcycles are a limited resource. Our “youngsters” are in their sixties, our older members are on social security. We cannot recruit younger Veterans to become the “next generation” of our club. The last patch holder living will retire the patch.

*In Country MC strongly* supports the Confederation of Clubs, the Texas Defenders, & the U.S. Defenders & has members serving as officers or representatives in many states in these organizations. In Texas we have a member serving with the COC or Texas Defenders, & all our Texas Chapters are active in the Austin COC, Dallas COC, & Houston COC.

*We Are Looking For A Few Good Brothers:* Are you a Vietnam Veteran? Did you earn the Vietnam Service Medal? Did you receive an Honorable Discharge? Do you own any brand of street-legal, insured bike over 500cc?



*We are a one generation dinosaur MC...* When the last Brother dies, so dies the Patch...

**Twin Peaks Biker to Media: No Intent to Engage in Organized Crime** – Aug 25, 2015 – *Texas* – By Lana Shadwick; [www.breitbart.com](http://www.breitbart.com) - The Nat'l administrator for the 2 Million Bikers to DC Facebook page issued a press release saying that the meeting on May 17th at the Twin Peaks restaurant gathered with no intent to engage in organized crime. He includes in the letter what he calls the agenda for the meeting that day. Cops arrested over 175 people after the fatal shootings of 9 bikers. The carnage left 20 wounded. Authorities swept up the bikers at the Twin Peaks restaurant in a mass arrest & charged all with the felony of engaging in criminal activity. The bikers at the meetings included members of Christian clubs, veterans, riding clubs (as opposed to MCs), & independents (riders not associated with a motorcycle or riding club).

*Cara Danette Johnston* told Breitbart Texas that the “biggest lie” is that the bikers all went to a regularly-scheduled regional bikers meeting with criminal intent, and/or to discuss anything related to a “turf war.” Johnson describes herself as a biker “[w]ho loves & believes in the good hearts & wonderful bikers I call brothers & sisters who have carried me thru the worst times of my life.”

*The biker who wrote the letter to the media*, John Bostick, is a member of the Confederation of Clubs & Independents. He wrote, “I was not able to attend the scheduled COC&I meeting in Waco on May 17, 2015, but if I had been there, I possibly would have been killed, wounded, or arrested with the 177.” Bostick writes in the press release, “Bikers know that the COC&I meeting was not scheduled to plan or promote violence. I have never heard of any violence at a COC&I meeting & they have been having them regularly for over 20 years.” The group gathered there, the Texas Confederation of Clubs & Independents (CoC&I), hold frequent meetings to discuss biker safety issues, proposed legislation, & other motorcycle issues. They had no intent to engage in organized crime. Their website gives a very different impression of the group’s purpose & goals than what has been portrayed by law enforcement officials after the restaurant shootings. In his letter to the press on Tuesday, Bostick enumerated the legislation he said was discussed by the bikers at the May 17th meeting:

- SB754 – Relating to the use of money in the motorcycle education fund account for certain motorcycle safety programs. (Passed in the 84th session)
- SB 334, HB 813 & SB 442 – Were stranded in the transportation committees as the Texas legislative session closed on 01-JUN-2015.
- SB 334 – Relating to the rules of the road regarding red signals at certain traffic control signals.
- HB 813 – Relating to the operation & movement of motorcycles during periods of traffic congestion.
- SB 442 – Relating to the operation & movement of motorcycles on certain highways during periods of traffic congestion.

*Bostick stated*, “All of these bills were authored or co-authored by COC&I members.” As reported by Breitbart Texas, police characterized the afternoon gathering at the Waco Twin Peaks restaurant as a gathering of criminal biker gangs with violent intent. The bikers described the meeting as a legitimate, organized gathering of motorcycle riders to discuss political issues & other salient topics. Bostick wrote in his press release, “The political activity of the COC&I has either caused some discomfort for someone with lots of authority in law enforcement or they used the assault to stop the open carry legislation that was pending at the time.” He continued, “This ‘code name unknown’ operation was not the result of the bikers having a war over turf or recruitment. The bikers know that this was a planned assault & that the propaganda blitz to the news media was used to destroy our character & reputations so we are guilty in the court of public opinion.”

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**Waco Bikers Prosecution Persists with 'Guilt by Association' Arguments** – Aug 2, 2015 – **Texas** – By Lana Shadwick; [www.Breitbart.com](http://www.Breitbart.com) - Twin Peaks bikers are fighting a gag order in Waco, Texas, & they are fighting the prosecution's persistent & flagrant use of terms such as "outlaw bikers," "biker gangs," & "outlaw biker gangs" when referring to motorcycle riders & all of the bikers in Waco on May 17th. They cite legal opinions that prevent such "guilt by association" arguments by the State. In addition, the prosecution in the Twin Peaks bikers cases is accused of "cit[ing] its own repeated press conferences in order to allow it to repeatedly refer to these 'clubs' as "five outlaw biker gangs"" to support its motions filed in Waco courts. The prosecution is also charged with citing the "facts" the State asserted at its press conferences, as "facts" in support of a gag order, & in support of its other communications. A lawyer for one of the bikers writes in his brief that he objects to the State's use of the word "gang" "in an apparent attempt to prejudice this Court, just as the State initially attempted to prejudice the public against Mr. Clendennen." Clint Broden represents Matthew Clendennen, one of the 177 bikers caught-up in the mass arrests at the Twin Peaks restaurant on May 17th. In one of his reply briefs filed in the court of appeals in Waco, Broden cites a federal case where the court strongly condemns the use of the term "motorcycle gang" "over the far less prejudicial term 'MC.'"

**Clendennen's lawyer cites** the court opinion where it states this is a strategy to prejudice & use "guilt by association":

Gangs generally arouse negative connotations & often invoke images of criminal activity & deviant behavior. There is therefore always the possibility that a jury will attach a propensity for committing crimes to defendants who are affiliated with gangs or that a jury's negative feelings toward gangs will influence its

verdict. Guilt by association is a genuine concern whenever gang evidence is admitted. The federal court also noted that the prosecutor had "openly mocked the use of the term 'club' in his questions, clearly suggesting to the jury that the term was a total misnomer for the group." Clendennen's counsel argues in his reply that the State's brief "actually highlights almost everything that is wrong with the 'gag order' in this case. Indeed, it purports to give this Court 'facts' of the case that it claims are 'facts' because these 'facts are 'what [is] commonly known through press reports.'"

**Moreover he writes**, "Not content to simply label the 'clubs' to be 'gangs,' the State also tells the Court that it is a 'fact' that law enforcement intelligence had discovered that a 'green light' had been given by certain criminal organizations to take retribution against law enforcement and/or members of rival gangs." He counters – "What evidence does the State cite for this damning 'fact?' – Its own press conferences." The State is accused of citing its own press conference when detailing the alleged number of weapons confiscated by law enforcement officers at Twin Peaks. **Breitbart Texas** reported that law enforcement officials retracted the "1,000 weapons claim." Although the prosecution has tried to paint with a wide brush that all of the Twin Peaks bikers were criminals, **Breitbart Texas** reported that 4 of the 9 dead bikers had no criminal records.

**The 177 bikers at the Twin Peaks** restaurant were swept up in a mass arrest & all charged with the felony of engaging in criminal activity because they were at the restaurant. As reported by **Breitbart Texas**, police characterized the afternoon gathering at the Waco Twin Peaks restaurant as a gathering of criminal biker gangs with violent intent; however, the bikers say the meeting was a legitimate, organized gathering of motorcycle riders to discuss political & other issues. The group gathered there, the Texas Confederation of Clubs & Independents (CoC&I), have frequent meetings to discuss biker safety issues, proposed legislation, & other motorcycle issues. Their website gives a very different impression of the group's purpose & goals than what has been portrayed by Waco PD Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton. Swanton conducted several press conferences after the restaurant shootings. His statements have been repeated by the media.

**An AP report** after the shootings gives what has become a repeated narrative: Five gangs had gathered at the restaurant as part of a meeting to settle differences over turf & recruitment. Prior meetings had been held at the restaurant, & managers there had dismissed police concerns over the gatherings, he said. "They were not here to drink & eat barbecue," Swanton said. "They came here with violence in mind."

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**One million dollar bonds** were set keeping all those arrested on May 17th from returning to their homes, families, & jobs, & some did not get out of jail for almost 2 months. All at the restaurant on that day were charged with engaging in a criminal conspiracy. Those there included bikers from Christian clubs & veterans, riding clubs (as opposed to MCs), & independents (riders not associated with a motorcycle or riding club).

**Breitbart Texas reported** about one of the bikers killed, Jesus Delgado Rodriguez of New Braunfels, Texas. Sixty-five-year-old Rodriguez served in Vietnam & was a Purple Heart recipient. Many have lost jobs, & some have even lost their children in family court or adoption battles. These plumbers, contractors, teachers, businessmen & women, & others, continue to try to raise money for their legal defense, & to fight for their reputations within their community, & in the public as a whole. There is a phrase used in the motorcycle community, it is “One Percenter.” Bikers say it refers to the fact that it is the one percent of bikers that give the rest of the motorcycle riders a bad name. Ninety-nine percent of them they say, are law-abiding citizens.

**Mongols Nation Case Forever** - July 21, 2015 – **California** – By [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Christopher Brunwin & Stephen R. Welk made a token effort to stop the inevitable dismissal of the Mongols Nation racketeering case yesterday. It is obvious from the motion they filed that they don't expect to win. The document is 58 pages & 17,266 words long. It cites 70 Fed cases, 28 Fed rules & statutes, the Congressional record & 2 related cases: The 2008 racketeering case against 80 Mongols MC members titled U.S. v. Cavazos at al. & a civil case called Rivera v. Melson et al. Everybody except Brunwin & Welk thinks those 2 Mongols cases obviated the Mongols case they are still trying to win now. The motion drips contempt for the Mongols' current Attys, Joe Yanny & Elliot Min. Early on the prosecutors opine: “Defendant's Renewed Motion is long on rhetoric & argument but, as explained in detail below, mostly devoid of any actual legal authority that suggests defendant is entitled to any of the relief it seeks, particularly with respect to the sentencing issue & the request for sanctions.”

**Lost Cause:** It seems obvious that Brunwin & Welk anticipate a dismissal so they tried to load as many excuses for an appeal into this terrible, unreadable motion as possible. The document contains no actual narrative or argument, just lots of objections to what the other Attys just said in their motion to dismiss 2 weeks ago. At one point the motion calls one of the Mongols' contentions, “so vague that it is impossible to craft a meaningful response.” So therefore Brunwin & Welk don't have “to craft a meaningful response.” If only all of life's problems were that easy to solve. Lay observers must guess what the point of this case has ever been. Yesterday's motion suggests that Judge David O. Carter must, must, must allow Brunwin & Welk to conduct a 3 month long trial at significant public expense & catastrophic expense to the Mongols. The point of the indictment that supports this case has always been to seize the Mongols' identifying marks as a sort of prelude to seizing the identifying marks of all MCs.

That is the whole point. As Judge Carter noticed about a hundred times in the one hearing he has held on this case, “Nobody goes to jail.” There are really only 4 possible outcomes.

1) The case is dismissed

2) The case goes to a 3 month trial & the word “Mongols” & the patch Mongols wear are declared guilty of racketeering & the word & the patch are filled with shame for their misdeeds.

3) After a 3 month trial the word & the drawing are found innocent because, you know, a word & a drawing can't actually stab anybody or smoke a bone.

4) After a 3 month trial which ends with a jury of Sons of Anarchy fans convicting the word “Mongols” & the patch Mongols wear of racketeering Welk enters a motion to formally seize the patches which actually, legally, cannot prevent anybody from uttering the sound Mongols, or writing it, or thinking it, or from wearing the Mongols patch. That's it.

**Must Have Trial:** In their motion, Brunwin & Welk insist over & over that there must be a trial. In one of the motion's few clear declarations, the prosecutors' state, “it is legally impossible to make any determination of the criminal forfeiture issues without a trial.” In a less clear but representative passage the 2 prosecutors make an irrelevant citation that requires “the adjudication of the criminal forfeiture issues only after a defendant's conviction.” The Mongols have made the obvious argument that prosecution is itself a form of punishment. Yanny & Min don't work for free. The issue of whether the Gov't can seize the Mongols patch has gone on for 7 years. Three Fed judges, including Carter, have ruled that the Gov't can't seize the patch. Brunwin & Welk expect to win by making the Mongols go broke. In its motion to dismiss, the Mongols argues that if Judge Carter rules now that it is unconstitutional to seize the Mongols membership marks, “there is a high likelihood that the prosecution would not even continue, & the taxpayers, the Court, & this defendant could be spared abusive waste by overzealous prosecutors with an unlimited budget.” The prosecutors riposte is the snotty, “Defendant's concern for the taxpayers & the court is touching, but this statement is ridiculous. Defendant obviously has no basis for its bizarre prediction about the likelihood of the prosecution continuing in the absence of a forfeiture allegation, a decision that would be made solely by the Gov't.”

**The Gov't Suggests:** Then they try to rough up the judge & opposing counsel a little with: “Should the court decide to take the unprecedented step of actually attempting a pre-trial determination of the merits of the criminal forfeiture allegation, the Gov't suggests that it must assume that the defendant will be convicted of the substantive offenses & that all of the allegations of the indictment will have been proven to be true. Since the defendant will have been convicted of violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962, it must also be assumed that the evidence that will have been presented by the Gov't during the course of the imaginary trial leading to the imaginary conviction will have been sufficient to establish a nexus between the Marks & the underlying criminal activity. Defendant certainly offers no clue as to how such an analysis should proceed, & cites no example of any court ever having engaged in such an exercise before in a criminal case.” Joe Yanny has asked the judge to make Brunwin & Welk pay his legal fees, both to spare the Mongols his expense & as a warning to all the other vile, bullying Fed prosecutors. Brunwin & Welk appear not to care. They are going to appeal whatever Judge Carter rules anyway. That's how the game works. “In the final section of its 51-page memorandum,” the prosecutors sniff, “defendant asks that the

court sanction the Gov't, the U.S. Atty's Office, & the individual prosecutors working on this matter for selective prosecution, & under 28 U.S.C. § 1927, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, & the Equal Access to Justice Act. These frivolous requests should be rejected out of hand." The Mongols have a week to respond. There will be a hearing on the proposed dismissal on August 3. Carter should file his written decision on the dismissal before Labor Day. Brunwin & Welk will probably file an appeal to the Ninth Circuit by Halloween. Nobody knows when this case will actually end.

**Waco And American History** - July 21, 2015 – *Texas* – By [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - The Atlantic, which was founded in 1857 & is one of America's most revered print journals, published a brief essay by staff writer Conor Friedersdorf this morning titled "Waco Is Suppressing Evidence That Could Clear Innocent Bikers." It is about time. So far, the infuriating cover-up of the Twin Peaks Massacre in Waco on May 17 has seemed to prove the premise, usually attributed to Edmund Burke, that "All that's necessary for the forces of evil to win in the world is for enough good men to do nothing." Good men have now begun to notice what is happening in Waco & there seems to be a growing possibility that rather than triumphing, the evil that has been done may finally be exposed. The magazine that first published Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "Paul Revere's Ride," Julia Ward Howe's "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," Ralph Waldo Emerson's "Thoreau," John Muir's "The American Forests," Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken," Theodore Roosevelt's "The Duties of Privilege" & Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail" has now turned its terrible & righteous glare on Patrick Swanton.

**Under The Spotlight:** The Atlantic notices that: "Over the last 2 months, motorcyclists swept up in the mass arrest following the carnage have lost jobs, been evicted from apartments, & even lost custody of children. And every day that authorities continue their opposition to sunlight in the case delays vindication for the innocents who've had their lives upended. The state loses little by dragging its feet while accused innocents pay dearly." The magazine, on behalf of the American people & the historic record, asks "how many of the gunshot victims were struck by bullets fired from police weapons" & editorializes, "I strongly suspect that if the answer was 'zero' Waco PD would've said so a long time ago."

**The Narrative:** The Atlantic states: "Authorities in Waco have actively advanced a contested narrative of what happened at the Twin Peaks restaurant from the start, sometimes getting facts wrong. They haven't tried to preserve the impartiality of jurors, instead, they've pushed a version of events that reflects well on the Waco police & the actions they've taken." And Friedersdorf wonders out loud, "how many undercover cops & informants, if any, were present at Twin Peaks that day, & what role, if any, they played in altercations between various motorcycle riders." Waco isn't going away. If America survives, a hundred years from now, schoolchildren will write essays about what has been happening in the Lone Star State for the last 2 months. The whole world is watching. It is time for officials in Waco to realize the spotlight is not going to turn itself off.

**Groff Charged In Focht's Death** - July 22, 2015 - *Pennsylvania* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Three people have been charged with misdemeanors in the aftermath of the death of Tonya M. Focht on June 19 in Lower Heidelberg Township, Pennsylvania. Wayne "Mo" Ritchie, Sgt at Arms for

the Reading, PA chapter of the Iron Order MC is charged with disorderly conduct as is IOMC Reading chapter member Timothy "Munch" Martin. Focht's fiancé, Mark Groff, is charged with disorderly conduct & possession of brass knuckles. Focht, a student at Alvernia Univ in Reading was punched in the face & run over by a car as the 3 men fought in the parking lot of a restaurant named the Bar-B-Q Pit on Penn Avenue in Lower Heidelberg Township. She was pronounced dead at the Reading Hospital & Medical Center. She left behind 2 children. The Berks County District Atty's Office & the Lower Heidelberg PD jointly issued a 900 word statement on their investigation into Focht's death. That statement read in part:

**Aggressors:** "Mark Groff & Tonya Focht were the initial aggressors in a conflict that began in the patio area of the BBQ Pit. They did this without provocation & after requests from staff to go away. After Mark Groff & Tonya Focht began to physically assault people, the facts show that Timothy Martin & Wayne Ritchie went into the parking lot of the BBQ Pit where they & Mark Groff were mutually engaging in some kind of scuffle that ended up with the 3 of them in a pile-up between 2 parked cars. "We learned from the facts that Mark Groff was wearing gloves with hardened knuckles while this occurred & that he had brass knuckles & a bull whip in his possession. The facts revealed that Timothy Martin & Wayne Ritchie decided to deal with Mark Groff's aggressiveness by themselves rather than deferring to BBQ Pit staff or contacting the police. "The facts also showed that Tonya Focht tried to assault a woman who was inside the BBQ Pit, but was prevented from doing so by BBQ Pit staff. Tonya Focht then attempted to aggressively join the 3 person pile up occurring between the 2 parked cars. She was moved away multiple times but continued to try to join the fight.

**She Fell:** "The final time she fell back into the path of travel of a vehicle attempting to leave the BBQ Pit. Non-involved eyewitnesses all indicated that there was no way for the person that moved Tonya Focht to have intended to push her into the exiting vehicle or to have even realized the vehicle was there. The driver of that vehicle stopped & cooperated with investigators. The investigation determined that there was no way the driver could have seen or prevented Tonya Focht from hitting his exiting vehicle. "The investigation also determined that there was no legal basis to file homicide charges. Homicide charges in a case such as this could only be based on someone showing criminal recklessness. Criminal recklessness is high standard involving more than a determination of who is at fault. It means someone choosing to engage in conduct where they knew or should have known that someone could die. While it appears that Tonya Focht's death can be traced to the decision of her & Mark Groff to instigate this barroom brawl, we cannot find that Mark Groff knew or should have known that his poor decisions would result in Tonya Focht's death. We also cannot find any criminal recklessness on the part of the person that rebuffed Tonya Focht away during an assault initiated by her & Mark Groff. "We are also aware of the high degree of gossip & commentary about this case on social media. There is one rumor that we need to address: There were no off duty or on duty LE personnel involved or present at the BBQ Pit during the events on June 19. This fact was acknowledged by Mark Groff when he participated in a video recorded statement with investigators."

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**George Christie TV** - July 22, 2015 – *California* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - George Christie got his television show. According to Christie's website, "The History Channel is airing a 6-part series that spans 30 years of George's life as a leading voice in the notorious outlaw MC, the Hells Angels. The Outlaw Chronicles is a captivating series that shares George's insights to this unique world & introduces viewers to stories that have never been shared in public. The Outlaw Chronicles is scheduled to premiere on the History Channel Aug 18, 2015." According to the History Channel: "Outlaw Chronicles: Hells Angels takes a deep look into the untold stories of the infamous biker gang through the words of George Christie. For over 35 years, Christie led the Ventura Hells Angels chapter & is ready to share untold experiences. Combining stylized interviews with Christie, along with archival footage & recreations, each episode of the 6-part series tells a different tale that Christie has never before made public." The series is produced by Shaw Media, a Canadian company that is a subsidiary of a Canadian telecommunications conglomerate called Shaw Communications Inc. The conglomerate is headquartered in Calgary, Alberta.

**Who:** Christie was expelled from the Hells Angels MC in 2011 with the status of "Out Bad, No Contact." Christie owned a tattoo parlor in Ventura called The Ink House & in Dec 2011 he was indicted for conspiring to extort competing tattoo shops & firebombing 2 of them. Christie faced life imprisonment & went to trial in Jan 2013. Five days into the trial he agreed to a plea & sentencing agreement that delayed his sentencing & eventually resulted in a one year sentence at the Fed Corr Institution, La Tuna. He completed his sentence about a year ago. His plea deal remains sealed. Earlier this year, The Aging Rebel legally obtained multiple, taped conversations between Christie & LE officials & other Hells Angels that suggested that Christie had been expelled from the Hells Angels because he had cooperated with police.

**George Sez:** On his website, Christie explains, "In 2011, he resigned his presidency of the Ventura charter & left the club. George was quickly excommunicated by his former brothers. The feds wasted no time & within weeks came with an indictment for a 2006 conspiracy to firebomb 2 Ventura tattoo shops. As George faced a mandatory life sentence if found guilty, the Gov't offered a plea deal, but he would have to accept responsibility for the arson. In a surprise move just before sentenced was rendered, Christie asked to address the court. He explained to Judge Wu that he had not directed anyone to burnout the 2 shops but would accept responsibility for poor leadership. The court accepted his explanation, & after 2 years on house arrest recovering from double hip replacements, George left for a Texas Fed prison where he would spend the next year. In Aug of 2014 he was released from custody." His site also says: "The demand continues for George's voice & stories, & he has many exciting projects in the works. New projects will be unveiled here as they are ready for public release. George is always ready to share his stories & his view on life & he has never met an audience that he didn't like." At least at last the whole world will know where all the bodies are buried.

**Officers gear up for Hells Angels** - July 22, 2015 – *Virginia* - By Paula Bryant; Gazette-Virginian - "It's all good," says Mecklenburg County Sheriff Bobby Hawkins of the impending arrival of Hells Angels who are scheduled to roll into Clarksville next Wed for the organization's East Coast Nat'l Convention that will run through Sun, Aug. 2. Before the pulsating thunder of hundreds of unmuffled H-Ds converge on the area, local LE officers are meeting Wed in Halifax County to update officers on what to expect as the overlords of the hwy spill out of Mecklenburg County into Halifax County in the coming week. Hawkins said his office, Virginia State Police & several other Fed, state & local LE agencies have been meeting regularly in advance of the Hells Angels arrival in Clarksville next week. LE officers in the towns of South Boston & Halifax along with county deputies say they also are keeping on top of the MC's arrival for the convention next week. Halifax County Sheriff Fred S. Clark conservatively estimates 600 to 800 members of the MC are expected to attend the Clarksville convention. "But we don't expect all of them to stay in Halifax County," he added. "The bulk of it will be in Clarksville, but they do send out scouts to see what's in the area." Hawkins estimates the number could be as high as 1,500 participants attending the Hells Angel event next week. "They have 800 members in the country, & when you add in the support clubs & prospective members & their families, it's really an unknown how many are going to show up," Hawkins said. The majority of the conference meetings are expected to be held at the Lake Motel in Clarksville, according to the Mecklenburg sheriff. "I'm meeting with a representative from Hells Angels this week to finalize things, so we can help them be prepared," he added. Despite circulating rumors that Kid Rock would make an appearance at the convention, Hawkins said, "I don't think so. This is going to be a laid back, chilled out conference." As part of the events, the organization plans to host a softball tournament at Robbins Park in Clarksville to raise funds for a charity of its choice, Hawkins added. "We're anticipating no problems. We hope it will be an uneventful event." Although he hopes the community restaurants & businesses reap benefits from this gathering, Hawkins noted Hells Angels tend to cater their own events & primarily bring their own refreshments. "We're trying to put a positive spin on this. Certainly there will be a large group of people, & anytime you have a large gathering of people, there is the potential for problems. We are going to be prepared for that," he added. The Mecklenburg sheriff reassures everyone it is LE's job "to insure safety of the community as well as participants of the event."

In addition to preparing area LE, Hawkins said, meetings also have been held with rescue personnel & fire Dept EMTs who may be called to respond to the scene of a motorcycle accident. "We have told them what to do, how to treat their colors with respect in the event of an emergency," he added. Preparations also are taking place in Halifax County in anticipation of the arrival of the motorcycle entourage next week. Clark said based on what he knows about the Hells Angels, they most often are respectful of LE & the communities they visit. "We don't expect any trouble while they're here," said Clark. Most of their conventions seem to be events where they bring in their own entertainment & hold meetings like any other organizations do, he added. Usually, Hells Angels conventions are only open to club members & not to the general public, he added. Although the Wed through Sun convention is slated to take place primarily in Mecklenburg County, county hotels, restaurants & bars are expected to reap some economic rewards as the motorcycle riding crowd overflows

here. Several local hotels already are booked to capacity for the end of next week with a Dixie Youth Baseball Virginia Ozone Tournament being played at the Day Complex in South Boston in addition to the Hells Angels Nat'l Convention in nearby Clarksville. Halifax County Tourism Director Linda Shepperd said area residents & businesses can expect to see a tremendous amount of traffic along the Hwy 58 corridor, much of it motorcycles traveling in groups. "They like to ride in groups. They're not coming here with any agenda," Shepperd said. "They hold meetings on the East Coast one year & on the West Coast the next year. This year it falls on the East Coast, & they picked Clarksville." The tourism director said she has contacted other areas that have hosted similar Hells Angels conventions & has been told to expect the bikers to leave the community clean, "but it will be loud. "Anytime you have that many motorcycles riding in at 1 in the morning, it's going to be loud," Shepperd said. "But our police are prepared. "Everyone is prepared, & we are looking at it optimistically. People just need to be aware the 58 corridor will see a lot of movement, while they're in the area," she added. After the Hells Angels leave town, Shepperd said she is hoping tourism will be able to say "this was a nice infusion of money into our area. "We're hoping we can also say it was a good event. We hope no one gets hurt, everyone behaves & follows the rules." The tourism director also is hoping local residents won't decide not to venture out to area restaurants & businesses next week & weekend while the Hells Angels are in the area. "This is a legal organization that is very organized. They have a plan for this convention, but it's in our best interests to be prepared. We will be ready," she added. Often thought of as being expressionless, Hells Angels are known for their tattoos & ripped denim covered with patches of skulls & cryptic arrays of letters & numbers. Many are bearded with shaggy hair, while others are bald. Their history dates back to the founding of the Hells Angels MC on March 17, 1948 in the Fontana/San Bernardino area of Calif. According to the Hells Angels official website, about the same time, other clubs were formed in various places in the state of Calif, but none of these clubs were associated with Hells Angels nor with each other. Most of them do not exist today, but the Berdoo charter (San Bernadino) still do. During the 1950s more Hells Angels Charters came into existence. From having been exclusively a Californian phenomenon, the club developed internationally in 1961. It happened when the 1st charter outside Calif was adopted – strangely enough – as far away as Auckland, New Zealand. During the 1960s Hells Angels spread out to the East Coast of the USA & later to the Midwest, according to their website. Today the Hells Angels MC has spread its wings all over the world, & next week a large group of them is expected to make their way to Mecklenburg & Halifax counties as well as surrounding areas. "It's going to be a busy weekend," the tourism director concluded.

**Press Sends Waco A Message** - July 24, 2015 – *Texas* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - This afternoon, the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press & 15 additional organizations devoted to professional journalism filed an Amici Curiae, or Friends of the Court, brief with the Court of Appeals for the Tenth District of Texas in behalf of a motion to lift the gag order imposed June 30 by Judge Matt Johnson on Scimitars MC member Matt Clendennen, his lawyer Clint Broden & others in the case. The Reporters Committee provides free legal resources, support, & advocacy to protect the First Amendment & freedom of information rights of journalists working in areas where United States law applies. The other friends of the court are The Center

for Investigative Reporting, Courthouse News Service, Cox Media Group, Inc., First Look Media, Inc., Gannett Co., Inc., Hearst Corporation, Investigative Reporting Workshop at American Univ, Nat'l Newspaper Assoc, The Nat'l Press Club, Nat'l Press Photographers Assoc, The New York Times Company, Newspaper Association of America, Radio Television Digital News Assoc & The Seattle Times Company.

**The Brief:** The brief argues: "The gag order imposed in this case places unconstitutional restrictions on speech & prevents members of the media from gathering the news & reporting on matters of significant public interest. The trial court failed to apply the correct legal standard for determining whether & to what extent the constitutional rights of the press & the public under the First & 14 Amendments & Article I, Section 8 of the Texas Constitution must yield to preserve (Clendennen's) ability to receive a fair trial by an impartial jury. The record in this case does not include any findings of inflammatory or prejudicial media coverage that would support a determination that (Clendennen's) fair trial rights would be threatened in any way by public access to information about his case – let alone findings of prejudice to the extent required to justify curtailing the exercise of state & Fed constitutional rights. For that reason alone, the trial court's gag order must be vacated. "Moreover, the gag order is unconstitutionally vague & overbroad. Not only does it purport to restrain the speech of too many individuals, including witnesses & LE officers who do not possess information that could jeopardize (Clendennen's) fair trial rights, but the order also restricts too much speech & is of unlimited duration. The order prevents any gagged individual from making any comment whatsoever to the media, without regard to whether the information is innocuous, purely factual, or already a matter of public record. Unlike gag orders that have passed constitutional muster, the gag order's 'no comment' rule does not preserve for (Clendennen's) or his counsel the right to assert his innocence, the right to generally discuss legal claims & defenses, or the right to communicate with the media about the status of the proceedings against him. The trial court made no attempt to narrowly tailor the gag order to prevent dissemination only of prejudicial material, or even to limit the order's duration. It is unclear from the language of the gag order what speech – if any – concerning (Clendennen's) case or the underlying incident falls safely outside its ambit. "In addition, the trial court failed to give proper consideration to alternatives designed to safeguard the integrity & impartiality of a jury, including voir dire, which is normally sufficient to root out prejudice, even in the most high-profile & publicized of criminal trials."

**The Pagan's Menace** - July 27, 2015 – *Pennsylvania* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Earlier today, a reporter named Abby Haglage who covers "diseases, drugs, & comedians" for The Daily Beast, published an article titled "The Motorcycle Gang Behind Philly's Biggest Pill Mill." It is a great headline. Nothing grabs people's attention like the phrase "motorcycle gang." But the headline is grossly misleading. Haglage's amateurishly sourced story is twisted by her devotion to the Pagan's angle. Among numerous errors, she misidentifies a superseding indictment unsealed on July 14 as a "report." What actually happened was that a Philadelphia osteopath named William J. O'Brien III, who had already been investigated by the FBI at least once, decided to get rich by selling prescriptions for pain killers into the black market. Coincidentally, 6 members of the Pagan's were seduced by the doctor with the lure of easy money. The relative importance of the doctor & the Pagan's can be

deduced from the Dept of Justice press release that announced the amended indictment. The release states "If convicted of all charges, O'Brien faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years in prison & a maximum sentence of life. The remaining defendants face substantial prison terms & fines & are subject to criminal forfeiture proceedings."

**Downers:** O'Brien went bankrupt in 2010 and, with the assistance of his secretary Angela Rongione, started moving prescriptions for oxycodone, methadone & Xanax in 2012. He charged his patients \$250 cash for a first visit & \$200 for each subsequent visit. The scheme attracted the attention of the FBI sometime before 2014. By then O'Brien had gotten reckless. In a tape recorded conversation with an undercover FBI agent in Oct 2014, O'Brien "offered to trade a prescription for oral sex." The indictment alleges that O'Brien recruited members of the Pagan's into his scheme in March 2012. A Pagan named Joseph Mehl who worked as a tow truck driver, "referred individuals involved in automobile accidents" to O'Brien "in exchange for prescriptions for controlled substances." Mehl introduced O'Brien to a now dead Pagan identified in the indictment as "S.N." who "had access to illegal drug distributors." S.N., apparently, knew people who could move product & they were willing to pay cash. "With cash-paying patients," the indictment notes, O'Brien "could conceal money from, among others, creditors & the United States Bankruptcy Court." S.N. & Mehl introduced 4 other Pagan's to this gravy train: Michael "Tomato Pie" Thompson, Peter "Nose" Marrandino, Joseph Mitchell & Patrick "Redneck" Treacy. All 4 of them also had social or professional contacts that were eager to obtain prescriptions for Xanax, methadone & oxycodone. They became O'Brien's patients & eventually all 6 of the Pagan's recruited "patients" of their own who went to O'Brien & then, allegedly, turned their bogus prescriptions over to one of the Pagan's named in the indictment. The Pagan's involvement, starting with Mehl, seems to have started as a variation on a common insurance scheme called "capping" or "running" that any tow truck driver, Pagan or not, would be expected to know. Cappers, who often work for body repair shops or tow truck companies, refer people who have been involved in minor, or sometimes staged, automobile accidents to unscrupulous physicians who then over diagnose the accident victims & make up fictitious & expensive courses of treatment for them. The doctors then split their fraudulent profits with both the capper & the accident "victim."

**Cartoonish:** Eventually, O'Brien's partnership with the 6 Pagan's became cartoonish. O'Brien "provided the Pagan's members with a separate entrance. Defendant O'Brien referred to defendant Treacy & his associates as his 'VIP' patients. Occasionally, defendant O'Brien brought prescriptions for controlled substances to defendant Treacy while defendant Treacy waited outside the office in his car." Treacy "mockingly reported on the medical history form for his initial visit with defendant William J. O'Brien III that he had been pregnant 'lots' of times; that he was menstruating; & that recently he had a Pap test, which screens for cervical cancer." According to the indictment, Mehl "recruited dancers from Philadelphia-area men's clubs, including Oasis Gentlemen's Club, which was frequented by Pagan's members, to obtain medically unnecessary prescriptions for controlled substances.... Defendant Mehl would typically pay the pharmacy fee & take a portion of the 'patient's' pills for himself. Defendant O'Brien would offer prescriptions for controlled substances in exchange for sex. For example, in order to obtain

prescriptions for controlled substances, Persons #9 & #10, 'patients' of defendant O'Brien whose identities are known to the grand jury, would perform oral sex on defendant O'Brien."

**Easy Money:** The indictment makes it clear that the 6 Pagan's who allegedly participated in O'Brien's racket were not "Behind Philly's Biggest Pill Mill." O'Brien was behind it. "In or around May 2014, defendant William J. O'Brien III, at the direction of defendant Michael Thompson, 'discharged' defendant Joseph Mitchell, from his practice. The abrupt 'discharge' left defendant Mitchell without a source of controlled substances for resale. Defendant Mitchell complained to defendant Patrick Treacy that he had been 'cut off from the doc' at the direction of defendant Thompson. As a result of losing income from his role in the conspiracy, defendant Mitchell was 'forced' to seek legitimate employment. Defendant Mitchell complained to defendant Treacy that 'workin' every day...is for the birds...ain't for Pagan's." Eventually, the Pagan's "caused disruptions at" some of O'Brien's offices. "Because Pagan members & associates continued to cause disruption...members of the office staff expressed strong concerns about their personal safety to Physician #1, who was employed by (O'Brien) & whose identity is known to the grand jury."

**The Pagan Menace:** For reasons known only to Haglage & her editors, the story published today is at least as much about accusations made against the Pagan's Club as a whole over the last thirty years as it is about O'Brien's prescription racket or the 6 Pagan's he recruited to participate in it. The Daily Beast informs readers, "It wasn't just a mom-and-pop pain clinic; it was a sophisticated drug ring run with The Pagan Motorcycle Gang." The Pagan's are described, without substantiation, as "Nazi-loving white supremacists." While she finds the "allegations" against O'Brien to be "disturbing, the participation of the Pagan's is even more dangerous. Their participation is significant not just to this case, but the entirety of the opioid epidemic." She alleges the "Pagan's" (Sic) are "an incredibly dangerous organization" & that club members "are regularly tied to arson, bombings, & murders, & one of the gang's favorite hobbies is stockpiling machine guns." Haglage's story is riddled with half truths. One that begs for elaboration is her statement that in Sept 2010, "authorities arrested 19 Pagan's after uncovering a plot to murder Hell's Angels members with grenades." It is true that 19 Pagan's or friends of the club were arrested. It is simply not true, as anybody who had bothered to check the disposition of the case would have known. Most of the allegations in that case were invented by the ATF. In is unlikely that the public at large will be offended by Haglage's yellow journalism. Regular readers of this page probably will be.

**Editor's Note:** I would like to set a benefit for those arrested in Waco. If any of you can send (Donate) me something that you have made or you make, I'll set up a silent auction or something. I'll go thru the NCOM Christian Unity for distributing whatever amount is raised... More details later.

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