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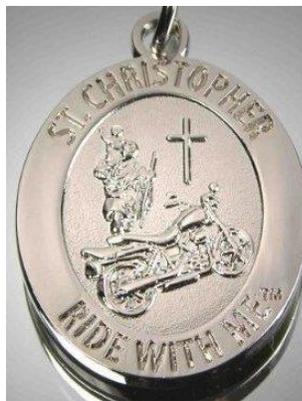
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Editor's Note: For *October* there were 2 Issues, For *November* there was 1 Issue; For *December* this is the 1st Issue...

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... **Merry Christmas**...

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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*

Revoking Gun Rights from MCs is on the Rise – Nov 12, 2015 – U.S.A. – By David “Double D: Devereoux; www.MotorcycleProfilingProject.com - The trend to confiscate handguns & revoke legally obtained permits from MC members in America is on the rise. From Houston to Long Island, & now back to Texas, LE is aggressively targeting the gun rights of those in MCs. Merely labeling a MC a gang should not be a sufficient legal basis to revoke the right of a member to possess a handgun or a permit to carry that gun, particularly when that member has

no criminal record & a legally obtained permit. MCs are 1st Amendment protected associations & the 2nd Amendment is fundamental. The Constitutional implications are obvious.

The Motorcycle Profiling Project recently received the following report describing an incident of blatant motorcycle profiling & discrimination. Based on the individual's account, the police's actions were purely motivated by the victim's expression of membership in a MC, in this case, in the individual's words, an all-black outlaw MC that has a Chapter in Fort Worth. In Sept, according to the provided description, this man was arrested for a turn signal violation as an excuse to conduct a search after he refused to consent to a search during a traffic stop. The man's legal handgun was seized & police refuse to return his property. To add an unconstitutional insult to an unconstitutional injury, the police have filed with the state of Texas to repeal his CHL permit even though he had never previously been arrested & never been charged in a crime.

I was simply pulled over for not using my turn signal to change lanes on September 19th, 2015 in Ft, Worth Texas. I complied with all questions. I immediately gave them my CHL, my license & insurance. I was then harassed with more questions regarding my club & patches on my black denim vest. They asked to search my motorcycle to which I said not without a search warrant. After the officers spoke back & forth with their Sgt., I was then arrested on failure to use my turn signal. Pictures were then taken of me, my vest, & my bike. They proceeded to break my locked saddlebags & tear my saddlebag lids apart to search my motorcycle. They found nothing! I have never been arrested before in my life, never charged with anything, degree professional, member of the Masonic fraternity & hardworking family man. My weapon was confiscated & now the crooked cops are refusing to release it & they have filed with the state to have my CHL rights taken away. I am hiring an Atty to fight this case as I have did nothing wrong nor has my club yet we continue to get pulled over & harassed & hauled to jail. - Texas Biker [actual name omitted for privacy & safety of the victim]

Though we have verified the arrest through online reports, the MPP has issued a public information request to the Ft. Worth PD in hopes of gathering more information about this particular stop including confirmation of the gun seizure & an update will be provided. What is the long term outlook for MC membership if that association means giving up your 2nd Amendment rights? How many men that have the legal right to posses & carry a gun will risk giving up that right if the trend to restrict member gun ownership continues? There is a real risk of chilling & discouraging membership in 1st Amendment protected associations. “In a very real way, the fate of motorcyclists will serve as a blue print for other groups in the future. Disarming bikers, even those associated that have no criminal records of any kind, is a strategy to cripple the rights base of one of the most visible & active grassroots social & political movements in America. Much of the movement's efforts are to combat civil liberty abuses by LE targeting motorcyclists. If bikers are successfully marginalized as criminals not worthy of baseline liberties, then the strength of our political movement exposing LE abuses will be crippled as well. It's a blueprint for social control in the 21st Century.” (Read It's Illegal for MC Members to Own Guns? That's What Authorities Say.)

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

Criminal defense lawyers in Texas took no time to condemn the “Cookie cutter indictments following cookie cutter arrest warrants” for 106 bikers in Waco this week - Nov 13, 2015 – *Texas* – By Lana Shadwick; www.Breitbart.com - Waco lawyer Ralph Edward Cooper posted the “cookie cutter” comment on Facebook & added, “The only evidence possibly presented would be that they were wearing club colors.” The indicted motorcycle enthusiasts were part of the 177 bikers arrested after the Twin Peaks restaurant shootings in May. As reported by Breitbart Texas, the McLennan County grand jury took just 9 hours on Tue to indict all 106 Twin Peaks bikers in cases presented to them during their session. The grand jury indicted all 106 bikers for the crime of engaging in organized criminal activity under a Texas criminal statute relating to a “criminal street gang.” Houston lawyer Grant Scheiner told Breitbart Texas, “This case has all the trappings of assembly line justice. 106 cases presented to the grand jury & not a single one no-billed or reduced. Assuming the grand jury took a bathroom break or 2 during its 9 hour session, that’s less than 5 minutes spent on each case.” The math works out to exactly 5.09 minutes to hear evidence & deliberate for each indictment. Tim Huey, a lawyer from Ohio joined in on a Facebook page for criminal defense lawyers & quipped, “Come on some probably got 9 minutes & others 1 minute.” Albert Sandoval responded, “[The] idiots are insane.” Referring to a Waco Tribune Herald article, Ennis County lawyer Mark Griffith posted on Facebook, “A ‘marathon 9-hour session’ is ridiculous. I guess we all work a marathon or more each day of the week.” He asked, “How, in 9 hours, the Grand Jury heard honest & clear evidence regarding 106 Individuals boggles the mind,” adding, “This is evidence that the old saying ‘you can indict a ham sandwich’ is true.”

The grand jury has not yet considered the evidence against 80 other bikers. The indictments stem from a shootout at a Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, Texas, on May 17 that killed 9 bikers & injured 24 others. Police swept up over 175 bikers at the restaurant in a mass arrest & charged them with engaging in organized criminal gang activity. As reported by Breitbart Texas, police characterized the afternoon gathering at the Waco Twin Peaks restaurant as a meeting of criminal biker gangs with violent intent. The bikers call the meeting a legitimate, organized gathering of motorcycle riders to discuss political & other issues. The groups gathered there, the Texas Confederation of Clubs & Independents (CoC&I), hold frequent meetings to discuss biker safety issues, proposed legislation, & other motorcycle issues. Those there included bikers from Christian clubs & veterans, riding clubs (as opposed to MCs), & independents (riders not associated with a motorcycle or riding club).

The Pres of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Sam Bassett, told Breitbart Texas, “Such a large number of indictments in only one day of deliberations, reinforces the notion that indictments are not used as evidence of guilt in criminal trials. At this point, the indicted defendants can begin fully obtaining & analyzing the evidence & the real story will begin to be revealed.”

Houston Atty Carmen Roe, the immediate past pres of the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association told Breitbart Texas, “The McClellan County District Atty’s Office continues to mock our system of justice by presenting 106 accusations in 9 hours, giving the grand jury mere minutes to make a decision that could send anyone of the charged to prison for life. Organized criminal activity is a charge requiring little more than a conspiracy to engage in criminal conduct. Most attys know that conspiracy is

one of the easiest charges to allege & the hardest to defend for any citizen accused.” The Waco Tribune Herald reported that in McLennan County, an average grand jury session lasts about 6 hours & the panel returns about 90 indictments twice a month.

Atty Robert Callahan represents William Aikin, of Talco in northeast Texas. He told the local newspaper that he was not shocked that all 106 indictments were identical like the arrest affidavits. “Unfortunately, it doesn’t surprise me,” he said. That is a consistent theme in this case.” As it relates to the grand jury deliberations Callahan added, “There are only 2 possibilities. The first possibility is that for the most complicated cases of this office’s tenure, [the DA] spent 5 minutes presenting each case. Or what is more likely, he just presented all those cases in bulk, with no individualized presentation of each case for each defendant. That is sad & unfortunate. That is not how it is supposed to work. There is supposed to be a critical, deliberate, methodical presentation of each case.”

Dallas criminal defense lawyer Paul Saputo told Breitbart Texas, “The engaging in organized criminal activity offense itself butts right up against the First Amendment. The difference between a ‘criminal street gang’ & a legal club is often in the eye of the beholder—the state attaches the criminal street gang label just as loosely as the infamous definition of pornography – ‘I know it when I see it.’” Saputo added, “The ‘criminal street gang’ offenses have come under frequent scrutiny by various state & Fed appellate courts for this very reason. Attaching ‘criminality’ to a group as a whole is a dangerous way for the state to overstep its authority & our constitutional rights. The fact that it only took 9 hours for the state to obtain 106 indictments is a testament to that fact.” Section 71.02 of the Texas Penal Code provides that engaging in organized criminal activity for these crimes is a first-degree felony. The possible sentence is up to life in prison or from 15 to 99 years in prison.

Dallas atty Clint Broden said he could not discuss the matter with Breitbart Texas or the press because criminal district court Judge Matt Johnson imposed a gag order in his client’s case. Broden represents Matthew Clendennen. Broden said in a statement. “This gag order makes it difficult to respond to Mr. Reyna’s press conference, as I am prohibited from discussing the case & can only discuss the gag order itself.” Broden filed another brief in the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday asking the court to take action to lift the gag order. Broden’s motion accuses the prosecution & “other state actors” of “engag[ing] in an unrelenting campaign using world-wide media outlets which was designed to scare the public with pictures of roving ‘biker gangs.’” As reported by Breitbart Texas, Broden has been fighting the gag order, as well as, 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. Broden has cited legal opinions that prevent such “guilt by association” arguments by the state. The Dallas lawyer has also accused the prosecution 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 legal motions.

The Waco newspaper reports that the grand jury will return on Nov 18. McLennan County District Atty Abel Reyna has declined to say whether the 80 remaining cases will be considered on that day. Lana Shadwick is a contributing writer & legal analyst for Breitbart TX. She has served as an associate judge & prosecutor.

Rolling Thunder Backs Authorities Illegal Demand For NO Weapons At Motorcycle Rally Today? – Nov 15, 2015 – *Wisconsin* - By David “Double D” Devereaux; www.MotorcycleProfilingProject.com - Instances of authorities across America challenging the rights of bikers to legally possess & carry weapons is on the increase. In Milwaukee, naval authorities & county park officials have asked Rolling Thunder, a Nat'l nonprofit dedicated to Veterans advocacy, to promote an event celebrating the commissioning of a naval ship at Harbor Park. They have also asked Rolling Thunder to request participants refrain from exercising their 2nd Amendment right to carry concealed at the event. The Dept of the Navy & Milwaukee County Parks can only request because Harbor Park is a public park where the right to carry is legal. So more troubling may be the fact that event promoters willingly encouraged motorcyclists to honor the request to relinquish these basic liberties. And even more troubling than that? The fact that so many motorcyclists are willing to comply with the request to relinquish basic rights that so many have fought & sacrificed to protect.

The Story in Milwaukee: Tony Pan Sanfelipo, a true freedom fighter & active motorcycle rights advocate from Milwaukee, contacted & informed the MPP that the local Rolling Thunder chapter recently sent out an alert inviting the biker community to an event at a Harbor Park welcoming a naval ship being commissioned into service.

Nov 9th- USS Milwaukee will be coming into the harbor on Fri Nov.13th (changed to Sun 15th) *Note:* Absolutely **No Weapons** allowed. Please leave at home or you will just need to stay home. Thanks! Here is the info for Fri 13 Nov. KMC/Abate members to meet at 11:30 AM... Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 is in charge of the coordination of the bikes lined up to greet the ship when it comes in to the harbor...will have the bikers coming in at 11:30 AM. to meet in front of the War Memorial Center on Mason St. Bridge... Kickstands up at noon. Move to the harbor staging area, park & wait for the ship to come in. Flag on bikes if they have them... Question - contact me. Candy Parr; Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 Event Coordinator --- Tim; Chairman of the Board; Rolling Thunder Chapter 2

This alert says, in bold type, **No Weapons**. It is a clear mandate, not a request. The alert further states that if an individual feels the need to carry concealed they “just need to stay home.” Upon being confronted by Sanfelipo in an email, the director responded by placing the blame on the County Parks System & forwarding the following communication. Nov. 10, 2015 - Tim- I tried to get your number to call you but no one is calling back to give it to me. So here it is....I was asked that there be No Conceal Carry at the park. I told them that we would abide to their wish. So the rule is No CC. Can't be without the weapon please stay home. Sorry but rules are rules. If you have someone that wishes to talk about it here is my number xxx-xxx-xxxx

The next day Rolling Thunder sends out an email placing all blame for the rule on Milwaukee County Parks & the Dept of the Navy. Nov. 11, 2015– *Note:* Absolutely No Weapons allowed. Please leave at home or you will just need to stay home. Thanks! This is a directive from the US Navy & Milwaukee County Parks. They are not making us pull a permit for the park because of our reputation. (Yes, Rolling Thunder people do carry. RT is not against CC it is a directive from the US NAVY & Milw. County park system)

But, as noted by Sanfelipo: “it was Rolling Thunder who turned this request into a mandate by bolding the edict at the top of their email. There was a lot of back-peddling & excuses by the RT [Rolling Thunder] chairman, but bottom line, no request, no rule, no order can supersede a constitutional right. We're not entering a naval base, this event is in a public, county park (Harbor Park). There is no legal authority to restrict concealed carry there.”

Wisconsin Law: According to the Wis Dept of Justice it appears Sanfilipo is absolutely correct. Regardless of which party is imposing the rule, Wis law prohibits any restrictions on concealed carry in a County Park. Imposing a No Weapons or concealed carry rule is illegal. The Wisconsin DOJ's “Carrying Concealed Weapon Law Questions & Answers” issued June 1, 2013 makes it clear that concealed carry is permitted in County parks.

Can Gov't prohibit the carrying of a concealed weapon in parks or other public lands? No. “The restrictions only apply to Gov't buildings. Persons with a CCW license may carry concealed on public lands. Wis. Stat. § 943.13(1m)(c)2 & § 943.13(1e)(cm). The state's publicly sponsored special events prohibition does not apply to outdoor parks that don't charge an admission or have entrances that are locked when the event is closed. The law clearly allows concealed carry at the Harbor Park event.

What about publicly sponsored music or sporting events? Special Events (e.g. sporting events, concerts, etc): It is unlawful for any person to enter or remain at a special event if the organizers of the special event have notified the actor not to remain at the special event while carrying a firearm or with that type of firearm. The provision does not apply if the firearm is in a vehicle driven or parked in the parking facility, to any part of the special event grounds or building that is used as a parking facility. The law defines special event as an event that is open to the public, is for a duration of not more than 3 weeks, & either has designated entrances to & from the event that are locked when the event is closed or requires an admission. Wis. Stat. § 943.13(1m)(c)3.

Never Give Up Your Rights: Never willingly give up your rights. This principle seems logical & apparent. For example, any Atty will tell you that you don't willingly consent to a search. If authorities are asking, then they do not have legal grounds unless you give up your rights. The same is true in this instance. If the legal right to prohibit legal concealed carry at this event existed, then there would be no request. Fundamental liberties should never willingly be relinquished & the 2nd Amendment is no exception. According to their website, Rolling Thunder is a Nat'l organization that advocates for “troops, veterans, & POW/MIAs.” The regional director, as previously stated, has also recognized many in their own organization carry concealed. It just makes no sense that they would encourage motorcyclists to relinquish a fundamental liberty that veterans have fought so hard to protect. Veterans are a huge contingent of the motorcycling community & 2nd Amendment movement. Even more puzzling is that some motorcyclists are willing to so easily comply.

Sanfelipo sums up why all of this is so disconcerting. “Further troubling is most bikers are willing to surrender their right to carry, just so they can show up, wave their flags, & act patriotic. The chairman from RT just didn't get it. He thought it was trivial & wondered why I was making such a big deal about it. It's not trivial, it's the epidemic of apathy among the public that doesn't see a problem with giving up rights because of an illegal rule or

mandate. Agreeing to this request at the same time bikers & club members are being profiled around the country, told they should not be allowed to possess guns, & veterans being scrutinized about gun ownership? Unless we (especially bikers, since I would expect them to understand this more) absolutely refuse to allow our rights to be taken away like this, we won't have any rights left at all. Today the 2nd Amendment, tomorrow the 1st, then the 4th, 5th, 9th & 14th & so on."

Conclusions: Profiling & discrimination underlie these attempts based on the idea that bikers are more dangerous than other people, even those with no criminal record & legally obtained carry permits. It is critical that elements of the motorcycle rights movement do not become de-facto agents of the state that encourage individuals to give up fundamental liberties based on stereotype. This turns the community against itself resulting in individuals surrendering rights that the state has been unsuccessful taking on their own. The slippery slope is real & will gain momentum unless motorcyclists unify around the uncompromising principle of Liberty.

Twin Peaks lawyer says he's ready for 'test case' – Nov 16, 2015 – *Texas* - By Dane Schiller; www.ExpressNews.com - A Houston lawyer involved in the Waco Twin Peaks biker brawl that left 9 people dead & 18 wounded is making an offer that he says saves time & money & heads off the "quagmire" of trying to prosecute at least 106 people charged in the case. McLennan County can't handle the cost, time & logistics of prosecuting everyone, who so far are charged with conspiring to engage in organized crime, especially if many refuse plea agreements & demand trials, lawyer Paul Looney said. He said his client, Cody Ledbetter, is ready to stand trial immediately & on Monday filed a motion asking a judge to let the biker's case serve as a "test case" for everyone on all sides of the brawl. Looney said that depending on what happens to Ledbetter, either bikers are going to know they need to seek a plea agreement or prosecutors are going to have to start dismissing cases. Ledbetter, 26, has no prior arrests & had one arm in a sling during the mayhem. He'd recently been in a motorcycle accident. All the defendants are accused of participating in organized crime for having gone to a bike-club meeting at the restaurant while wearing motorcycle jackets with club insignias as part of an alleged show of force for a criminal street gang. If the judge agrees that the bikers did not break the law just by showing up at Twin Peaks, then the case stops right then for most of the bikers, Looney said. But if the judge feels that the bikers did break the law by showing up, then his finding could be challenged at an appellate court, & set a precedent for everyone else.

Blessed are the cracked, for they let in the light! Twenty Nine Lines to make You Smile!

1. My husband & I divorced over religious differences.
He thought he was God & I didn't.
2. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
3. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
4. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
5. Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.
6. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me!
7. Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
8. Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.
9. I'm not a complete idiot -- Some parts are just missing.
10. Out of my mind. Back in 5 minutes.

Waco Sealed Indictments, The Real Story Directly From One of The 9 – Nov 16, 2015 – *Texas* – By David "Double D" Devereaux; www.MotorcycleProfilingProject.com - There is a lot of speculation relating to the 9 sealed indictments among the 106 indictments handed down by the Waco Grand Jury last week. The MPP received the following message from one of the 9 individuals that may provide some clarity.

Anonymous Source: Good afternoon sir. With all of the speculation & rumors about the 9 sealed indictments, I figured that I'd confirm to you that most of us 9 have been informed. Most everyone who was injured & in attendance at TP are in fact the 9. Through my Atty, we have arranged my surrender to Jack Harwell tomorrow afternoon... Most, if not all of us have in fact been informed of our arrest warrants.

MPP: Thank you. It is good to get direct & accurate information. I am truly sorry that you are going through this. To me this is about all MCs & the future of our whole community. I hope all goes well for you tomorrow & going forward. Would you be alright with me relaying the truth about the 9? Anonymous of course.

Anonymous Source: Absolutely. I believe that they have stooped to an all-time low. They shot me for being unarmed & at an open event. On my family, we never intended any kind of violence. I lost my 20yr career & now am facing more loss. Even my Attys are baffled.

MPP: And you were unarmed & shot by police? Unbelievably fucked up.

Anonymous Source: Yes. I was next to Danny "Diesel" Boyett. I couldn't see anyone standing in front of me when I was shot. I was trying to make myself as small as possible as bullets were whizzing by.

MPP: Man, are you going to be able to make bond?

Anonymous Source: We're hoping to. It's set at \$250k for us, but we are trying to get it lowered.

11. NyQuil, the stuffy, sneezy,
why-the-heck-is-the-room-spinning medicine.
12. God must love stupid people; He made so many.
13. The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
14. Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
15. Ever stop to think, & forget to start again?
16. Being 'over the hill' is much better than being under it!
17. Wrinkled Was Not One of the Things I Wanted
to Be When I Grew up.
18. Procrastinate Now!
19. I Have a Degree in Liberal Arts;
Do You Want Fries With That?
20. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
21. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
22. Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
23. They call it PMS because Mad Cow Disease
was already taken.
24. He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless DEAD.
25. A picture is worth a thousand words,
but it uses up 3 thousand times the memory.
26. Ham & eggs...A day's work for a chicken,
a lifetime commitment for a pig.
27. The trouble with life is there's no background music.
28. The original point & click interface was a Smith & Wesson.
29. I smile because I don't know what the hell is going on.

Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends!
Life is too short & friends are too few!

El Forastero MC MINN 50th Anniversary Book – 2015 – Minnesota – By <http://ElForasteroMCMinn.BigCartel.com> - 2015 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Minneapolis, Minnesota charter of the El Forastero MC. We decided to put together this book, sharing the memories of the last 50 years of riding choppers & blowing minds. The book is 100 pages of full color heavy weight paper bound in a hard cover with a dust jacket. Ride Choppers Or Fuck Off

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The El Forasteros And Galloping Goose, All stand as one.
We're always throwing off anything weak,
Between both of us, you'll find noting week.
We are one for all, And all for one.
You can bet we'll be there when The final call is done.
Others have numbers, And money to burn.
But there's not enough of either, To make any of us turn.
So when all is said, And all is done.
Take a look at the records. We're still # 1

Looney In A Hurry - Nov 17, 2015 – **Texas** – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Paul Looney, the Houston lawyer who is representing a Cossacks MC member named Cody Ledbetter against a charge of engaging in organized criminal activity, dared 19th State District Court Judge Ralph Strother to knock the chip off his shoulder yesterday. Simultaneously, Dane Schiller of the Houston Chronicle published an 830 word feature about the motion that claimed Looney was “making an offer that he says saves time & money & heads off the ‘quagmire’ of trying to prosecute at least 106 people charged in the case.” Then Looney’s office sent out a press release. Looney’s thousand word motion argues that the current & future cases created out of air, out of thin air, & blood & heartbreak & ruin & mendacity immediately after the Twin Peaks Massacre last May 17, present “a potential quagmire for the defense bar, the prosecution, the bench, & the taxpayers of McLennan County. At least 106 cases have been indicted on the identical novel legal theory: that the defendants, by arriving at Twin Peaks for a bike-club informational meeting wearing motorcycle jackets bearing the insignia of either the Cossacks or Bandidos MCs, were making a ‘show of force’ for a ‘criminal street gang,’ & therefore were guilty of participating in organized criminal activity. The defendant’s indictment & the examining trials of his co-defendant William English both reflect this theory (as do the other one hundred 5 indictments released along with the Defendant’s, all of which are virtually identical other than the name & cause numbers involved.) It is a theory that does not appear to have ever before been presented to a Texas court.”

Maybe Not First Rodeo: Maybe it hasn't been presented in a Texas court before, but it is certainly well established in biker cases in the Fed courts. A sampling of those cases from the last

few years might begin with US v. Szpyt et al.; US v. Nagi et al.; US v. Cavazos et al.; US v. Maestas et al.; US v. Ablett; US v. Mongols Nation; US v. Kotschuck et al.; US v. Barbeito et al.; US v Bowser et al.; & US v. Bifield et al. There are many more. They are all conspiracy cases including the one man conspiracy of Christopher “Stoney” Ablett. Looney is defending a conspiracy case. He is a bright man so he probably already understands that this is a “tail wagging a dog” case. He already seems to understand that the point of this prosecution is to use judicial prosecution as a form of extrajudicial punishment, And yesterday’s motion clearly signals that Looney thinks it would be nice if Waco stopped being so mean. When Ledbetter does get his week, or day or 15 minutes, in court many biker experts will testify that his client & all the other lawyers’ clients were members, as these prosecutors will put it, of the Bandidos/Cossacks/Rebel Riders/Scimitars/insert other club name here “criminal gang” that “commits, attempts & threatens to commit acts of violence including murder to protect & expand the gang’s criminal operation, promote a climate of fear, & maintain control & authority of the (insert club name here) over the territory claimed by the (insert club name here) & expanding that territory & protecting & expanding the power of the (insert club name here) through the use of intimidation, violence, threats of violence, assault & murder; promoting & enhancing the authority of the (insert club name here) members & associates.”

Mens Rea: At least publically, Looney seems to assume that his client must be found innocent because Ledbetter didn't actually commit a crime & because he had an innocent mind. The fairy tale lawyers learn in their graduate schools is summed up by the Latin lie Actus Reus Non Facit Reum Nisi Mens Sit Rea: Which can be roughly translated as, “If you’re just playing at being an outlaw it don’t count.” One can only hope that privately Looney & all the other defenders have been out in the real world long enough to get it that that is not how the justice casino works. In his “Request For Earliest Possible Trial Setting” Looney argues, “Someone must go first; & the sooner that occurs, the better for all involved. This Defendant is prepared to proceed to a jury trial without delay. No motions, beyond routine motions-in-limine, need to drafted or litigated. This Defendant is satisfied to go to a McLennan County jury & does not believe it necessary to seek a change in venue. The primary issues in this case are legal ones; there are few disputed facts. In short, the Defendant seeks to go to trial as quickly as possible, as a sort of ‘test case,’ allowing his case to proceed before this Court, & before the appellate courts if necessary, in order to determine the validity, or lack thereof, of the State’s theory. The Defendant believes that most, if not all, relevant discovery has been provided & any outstanding discovery that the State must turn over can be provided quickly, allowing for trial at the earliest possible setting.” The least anyone of good conscience can do is wish Looney & Ledbetter good luck with that.

Only in Church: Children’s ears are always listening. It was Sunday morning, & the priest had already preached to the adults in the congregation. Now he was presenting a children’s sermon. He asked the children if they knew what the Resurrection was. Now, asking questions during children’s sermons is crucial, but at the same time, asking children questions in front of a congregation can also be very dangerous. In response to the question, a little boy raised his hand. The priest called on him & the boy said, “I know that if you have a resurrection that lasts more than 4 hours you’re supposed to call the doctor.” It took ten minutes for the congregation to settle down enough for the service to continue.

Why the Brother Speed MC Victory is So Important – Nov 17, 2015 – *Idaho* – By David “Double D” Devereaux; www.MotorcycleProfilingProject.com - The Brother Speed MC settlement over a 2013 raid at their Nampa, Idaho clubhouse is a textbook example of how LE uses the media following baseless military-style raids to promote a negative perception of MCs to the general public. Almost always, these raids amount to nothing but a photo op to feed a paradigm of profiling & discrimination. But notice that the stories about the settlement are barely a blip on the radar compared to the news coverage of the initial raid. It is important that Brother Speed’s story be told & shared in an attempt to encourage others to fight back & balance the scales of perception from Sons of Absurdity back to reality. In Aug 2013, over 40 heavily armed state & Fed LE agents raided the Brother Speed clubhouse in Nampa & held everyone captive for over 3 hours. The warrant was sealed so there was no reasoning given for the raid. Of course, nothing was found in the clubhouse & no one was arrested or charged with a crime. But that did not stop law enforcement from seizing property & spreading generalized propaganda to justify a culture of discrimination. Boise Police Gang Unit Detective Dave Leavitt was not on that raid, but claims to have extensive experience dealing with what he calls **Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs** in Idaho & offered “insight” into the Brother Speed MC to local media outlets.

As reported by 7 KTVB.com news in Idaho on August 30, 2013, Leavitt said that: “groups like those raided by Fed agents in Nampa are different than just an average group of riders who like to get together on the weekends, wear leather & ride. What’s the line between them? Criminal activity. The outlaw MCs or gangs, like Brother Speed, is going to commit criminal acts.” Leavitt continued. “Brother Speed started in the late 60s in Boise, with a group of motorcycle enthusiasts, but today police say the group has changed over time. Eventually it morphed & changed into what it is today, an outlaw MC with a 3-piece patch that commits criminal activity.”

These generalized claims are based on pure stereotype as demonstrated by the lack of particularized proof of criminality. Brother Speed MC is simply not a criminal organization & the Nampa chapter is a perfect example of police rhetoric being disproven by reality. According to a press release issued by the club’s atty Craig Durham: “Brother Speed was founded in Boise in 1969 by a group of men with a common passion for riding American-made motorcycles . . . The members of the Nampa/Caldwell chapter members are primarily tradesmen, they said, including a pipe fitter, a tile setter, an electrician, & a plumber, among others. Four are retired.”

Brother Speed MC refused to just accept excessive civil liberty violations as the result of a military-style SWAT raid accompanied by a sealed warrant: “The club & its members sued numerous Fed agents & the United States, saying their civil rights were violated when Fed agents serving a search warrant broke down the door, set off flash-bang grenades, & sent dozens of heavily armed SWAT team members into the small home. The club members were detained for up to 3 hours while agents forcibly removed their personal property, including their clothing, & confiscated club memorabilia, according to the club’s Atty, Craig Durham. “These were regular guys minding their own business that night,” Durham said. “They were not a threat, & there was no call for the use of terrifying, military-style tactics to serve a simple search warrant.” “Ten members of the Brother Speed MC, along with

the club itself, will be splitting a \$16,500 payment from the United States Gov’t, to settle their lawsuit over a 2013 raid on their Nampa clubhouse that yielded no charges.” (See “Brother Speed settles suit against U.S. gov’t over Nampa raid, gets payment” - Nov 12, 2015 – Idaho – By Betsy Z. Russell; www.Spokesman.com)

Although the Gov’t is admitting no fault as a condition of the settlement, it is a big victory for a number of reasons. The club & its members are being compensated as a result of a deprivation of their rights as a result of an overly-broad & unjustified military-style raid. Moreover, the fact that law enforcement is not admitting fault will mean very little to the legislature when considering the costs of settlements compared to cost-free anti-motorcycle profiling legislation that reduces obvious civil liability exposure. This victory demonstrates that MCs, even those clubs labeled criminals by some in Gov’t, are not what sensationalized law enforcement reports say they are. Behind most raids is the true story of a MC, a 1st Amendment protected association, that deserves protection from discriminatory law enforcement practices fueled by inaccurate stereotypes.

Four Named In Twin Peaks Sealed Indictments Arrested – Nov 17, 2015 – *Texas* – By Paul J. Gately; www.KWTX.com - Four men who were named last week’s sealed indictments connected to the Twin Peaks motorcycle gang shootings were booked into county jail on Mon & 2 since have posted bond & been released. Online jail records showed Paul Russell Miller, 39, & Ray Asbary Nelson, 42, remained in the McLennan County Jail Tuesday in lieu of a \$250,000 bond each, charged with engaging in organized criminal activity. Clifford Pearce, 52, & Jeffrey Veillon, 53, both posted a \$250,000 bond on the same charge & were released Monday, jail records showed. As of Tue there remained 5 suspects who were named in sealed indictments who had not yet been arrested.

Their names won’t be released until each is arrested & booked. The 9 indictments were sealed because those defendants were not arrested on the day of the shooting & they remained at large, McLennan County District Atty Abel Reyna said. Most of the first 106 bikers indicted in connection with the deadly May 17 shootout at Waco’s Twin Peaks restaurant are members of either the Bandidos or Cossacks biker gangs or of clubs closely affiliated with one of the 2 rival gangs, a review of the indictments shows.

Both the Bandidos & the Cossacks, are named as “criminal gangs” by the U.S. Dept of Justice, & the Texas Dept of Public Safety classifies the Bandidos as a street gang. Authorities have said an ongoing feud between the 2 gangs led to the shootout between bikers & police that left 9 bikers dead & 20 more injured. The 106 indictments all charge engaging in organized criminal activity with the underlying offense being aggravated assault or murder, making the charge is a first- degree felony, punishable by a prison term of from 15 to 99 years or life in state prison and/or a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

In part, each of the 106 indictments says that the named defendant did “intentionally & knowingly cause the death of an individual...” “And the defendant did then & there commit the offense as a member of a criminal street gang.” It was not clear when the remaining 80 suspects might be presented to grand jury for consideration, it’s apparent from the review that most are likely members of MCs that aren’t closely tied to either of the 2 gangs.

The next scheduled meeting of the panel is Wed but it was not known Tue if that panel would consider any Twin Peaks cases. Reyna pointed out last Tue that the omission of the 80 suspects from the 1st round of grand jury consideration does not mean some or all of those individuals were not directly related to the killings. Once the individual cases begin to make their way into courtrooms for final resolution, it could take months to get all of the cases off court dockets. Prosecutors say they'll seek plea agreements on all the cases but that some of them could be forced to trial.

Here Come The Lawsuits - Nov 18, 2015 – *Texas* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Five defendants in the Twin Peaks Massacre case filed suit for false arrest in the Austin Division of the Fed Western District of Texas yesterday. The complaint names Waco Police Chief Brent Stroman, Waco Police Detective Manuel Chavez, McLennan County District Atty Abelino Reyna & an as yet unnamed employee of the Texas Dept of Public Safety as defendants. All 5 of the complainants have been indicted for Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity with the Intent to Commit or Conspire to Commit Murder, Capital Murder, or Aggravated Assault. Their names are Matthew Clendennen, George Bergman, Noe Adame, Rob Bucy & Jorge Salinas. They are all represented by Dallas lawyers Don Tittle & Clint Broden. The suits represent 5 individual indicted suspects. The suits are not part of a class action or multi-complainant suit. It would not be extraordinary if the respondents, which is to the city, county & state officials named in the suits, ask that these & any subsequent suits be consolidated. A group of at least 30 defense Attys representing defendants charged in the Twin Peaks Massacre have scheduled a joint press conference tomorrow at the Waco Hilton at 2:15 p.m. Central Time.

Damages - The suits seek: "Compensatory damages in an amount deemed sufficient by the trier of fact to compensate him for his damages, which includes past & future mental anguish, past & future pain & suffering, past & future damage to his reputation, & past & future lost wages & lost earning capacity." The complainants also seek: "Damages as a result of Defendants' actions & conduct that have impinged on rights guaranteed by the First Amendment, such as Plaintiff's right to free speech, & to association. Conditions placed on Plaintiff's bond have deprived Plaintiff of rights guaranteed by the Constitution. It was entirely foreseeable to Defendants that falsely arresting & charging Plaintiff with a criminal offense for which probable cause was lacking would lead to these constitutional deprivations & damages." The 5 wronged men also seek: "Damages for the costs...incurred in having to post bail & defend against the false criminal charges filed against (them). Those costs include the money...paid for legal representation;" "exemplary damages against each Defendant;" & "reasonable & necessary Atty's fees."

Right To Be Free: The aftermath of the Twin Peaks Massacre is the most egregious episode of false arrest since the internment of about 120,000 Americans of Japanese origin or descent in 1942. The Civil Liberties Act of 1988 authorized payments to former internees that totaled about \$16.5 billion. Recent claims of false arrest & detention have generally resulted in compensation to the falsely arrested of \$2,500 to \$5,000 per hour of false imprisonment. In a notable case from 2005, titled *Martinez v. Port Authority of New York*, the complainant was awarded about \$8,400 an hour in compensation for his 19 hours of false imprisonment. The 5 nearly identical lawsuits describe the statements made to the press after the Massacre as "inaccurate,

exaggerated, & highly misleading." The suits describe, "The 'shootout between outlaw motorcycle gangs' theme that continues to be trumpeted is patently false. Perpetuating the narrative has caused irreparable harm to the reputations of the many individuals, including Plaintiff, who had nothing to do with the fatalities & injuries." The 5 individual suits also describe the conduct of the respondents to the suit in a way that virtually begs for a RICO indictment. The complaints allege: "In the hours & days immediately following the incident, Defendants Stroman, Chavez, Reyna, & Doe entered into a conspiracy to deprive Plaintiff of his right to be free from unlawful seizure & incarceration in violation of his Fourth Amendment rights. Defendants acted in concert either to orchestrate or to carry out the illegal seizure & cause the illegal arrest & incarceration described in this Complaint when they knew there was no probable cause to arrest him or to charge him with the offense of Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity." And, the complaints reference the spurious nature of the indictments handed down a week ago; noting that they are, "identical for every single individual. To date, there has been no attempt to state with any particularity the facts on which the first degree felony against Plaintiff is based. From a fill-in-the-name template probable cause affidavit, to a fill-in-the-name template Indictment, violations of Plaintiff's constitutional rights continue."

Gypsy Joker biker charged over NSW assault – Nov 18, 2015 – *Australia* – By www.9news.com.au - A truck driver has a fractured skull after allegedly being dragged from his vehicle & bashed by 2 men in Sydney's west. A 26-year-old man, who is a member of the Gypsy Joker OMG, has been charged over the incident, which occurred on Monday afternoon, police said. It's believed the 58-year-old truck driver was flagged down by 2 men in a white ute on Vardy's Road at Blacktown before being pulled from the vehicle & seriously assaulted. The truckie suffered serious facial injuries & a fractured skull. The biker, who was arrested at Marayong, has been charged with recklessly inflicting grievous bodily harm in company & is expected to face Blacktown Local Court on Wed.

Two More Named In Twin Peaks Sealed Indictments Arrested - Nov 18, 2015 - *Texas* – By Paul J. Gately; www.KWTX.com - Two more bikers named last week in sealed indictments in connection with the deadly shootout at Waco's Twin Peaks restaurant have turned themselves in. Jerry Edward Pierson, 49, of Dallas, posted a \$50,000 bond Tue evening & was released on a charge of engaging in organized criminal activity. Cory McAlister, 36, of Ore City, was released on the same charge after posting a \$250,000 bond, McLennan County Jail records showed. In all now 6 of 9 defendants named in sealed indictments have turned themselves in & been released after posting bond. On Mon 4 other men named in the sealed indictments were booked into county jail & since all have posted bond & been released.

Potato Prostitutes: Two little potatoes are standing on the street corner. One is a prostitute. How can you tell which one is the prostitute? Hold on.... You're gonna love it... It's the one with the little sticker that says... I - DA - HO

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

Sheriffs Ban Motorcycle Clothing From N.M. Courthouse – Nov 19, 2015 – *New Mexico* - By David “Double D” Devereaux; www.MotorcycleProfilingProject.com - Members of the Guardians of the Children, a nonprofit organization of motorcyclists in New Mexico dedicated to supporting abused & abandoned children, have recently been denied entrance into the courthouse unless they remove clothing identifying affiliations with motorcycle organizations. In fact, Sheriffs have expanded banned clothing to include anything motorcycle affiliated. This is a blatant violation of the 1st Amendment & the practice should immediately cease & desist.

The Story: The MPP recently received a letter from Annette Torrez, representing the New Mexico Motorcyclist Rights Organization, informing the project about recent discriminatory actions by Sheriffs responsible for security at the Bernalillo District Court House. According to Torrez, sheriffs at the Bernalillo Courthouse have been infringing on motorcyclist’s rights to expression specifically related to MC attire. “First they told them [Guardians of Children] they had to turn their vests inside-out, the vest which portrays the patch of the organization . . . The members said they would not wear their vest inside out. Next they were asked to remove their vest & turn them inside out so none of the patches are displayed (which they have) so they can continue to support the children. Now your officers are telling them they may not wear any clothing that is motorcycle affiliated.” “Officers have made prejudicial comments that they are nothing but MC members & Hells Angels supporters. Very negative comments such as this have been made several times, especially to the female members. Guardians of the Children have always attended in a peaceful, non-confrontational manner, even when officers have been rude & disrespectful.”

The Right to Wear MC Colors in a Courthouse is Well Established: The Supreme Court says that individuals have the 1st Amendment right to wear clothing which displays writing or designs in a courthouse. In 1971, the Supreme Court concluded that a shirt reading “F*#K The Draft” was protected expression. See *Cohen v. California*, 403 U.S. 15 (1971). There are even Fed cases specific to MC colors. In *Sammartano v. First Judicial District Court* (2002) the court said that wearing of MC colors in a courthouse building is protected speech under the First Amendment, & arguments relating to intimidation or the potential for violence based on general stereotypes do not overwhelm this right. See *Sammartano v. First Judicial District Court*, 303 F.3d 959 (9th Cir.2002). Recent Fed case law confirms that MC colors are considered protected expression. A US District Court this past September, relying on Supreme Court precedent, concluded that the Gov’t may not impose restrictions on an individual solely because of displaying membership in a MC. *Coles v. Carlini*, in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Civil No. 10-6132 Opinion, 9/30/2015, p.28: There is “no evidence that by merely wearing [MC] “colors,” an individual is “involved in or associated with the alleged violent or criminal activity of other [MC] members. It is a fundamental principle that the Gov’t may not impose restrictions on an individual “merely because an individual belong[s] to a group, some members of which committed acts of violence.” In fact, the Supreme Court has long “disapproved governmental action . . . denying rights & privileges solely because of a citizen’s association with an unpopular organization.” *Healy v. James*, 408 U.S. 169, 185-86 (1972): The unconstitutional nature of denying the Guardians of Children entry into the Bernalillo Courthouse is irrefutable.

Denying access to anyone wearing clothing that is motorcycle affiliated is draconian. Long-standing Supreme Court precedent & more recent Fed Appeals Court precedent specific to MC attire in courthouses are unequivocal in their defense of the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

NMMRO Pursuing Relief: According to Torrez, on Nov 12th Guardians of Children Pres Frank Monanto, member Sylivianna Esquibel & Annette Torrez met with Sheriff Manny Gonzales to discuss the matter. In addition to “no colors” harassment, many of the Guardians of Children members “have received rude & uncalled-for treatment by several of the officers.” Torrez says Sheriff Gonzales apologized for the treatment by his deputies & asked the NMRO to report the matter to their internal affairs division & “he will see the issue is addressed.” In terms of the 1st Amendment issue, Sheriff Gonzales suggested making an appointment with Judge Nash, Chief Justice, where the violation can be addressed, says Torrez.

Conclusions: The NMMRO is doing exactly what all motorcyclists should do when faced with blatant discrimination. They are fighting back to solidify the rights base of motorcyclists in New Mexico & elsewhere. Exhausting administrative remedies opens a dialogue with those responsible for imposing policy & solidifies the NMMRO as a legitimate & active political entity. Just as New Mexico can point to a decision in Nevada relating to motorcycle colors in a courthouse, others will be able to point to New Mexico. As the pattern of evidence expands, every challenge to Gov’t restrictions on access to motorcyclists is more likely to succeed as do the legislative efforts to secure equal access.

Military man one of 5 held in motorcycle gang murder – Nov 19, 2015 - *Netherlands* - By Janene Pieters; www.nltimes.nl - One of the 5 Satudarah members who are suspected in the murder of Rudi Schouten, worked as a soldier for Defense & the Marechaussee, military police, for years. This is according to research done by Omroep Brabant. Satudarah frontman Guus Pronk & club lawyer Erik Thomas confirmed to the broadcaster that the man in question is Gianiro S. He was arrested & released to await the rest of the process in freedom. According to Thomas, this indicates that there is not enough evidence against him. The Ministry of Defense gave no response to the broadcaster’s allegation because “it is contrary to the requirements of personal safety”. It is possible for S. to both be a member of Satudarah & work at Defense because the MC is not listed as a criminal organization. As long as this is the case, Defense does not have the authority to dismiss employees on that grounds. Defense specialist & military historian Chirst Klep finds it “highly undesirable”, that someone can be a member of an outlaw motorcycle gang & work for the Gov’t at the same time. “A motorcycle gang like Satudarah is, however you look at it, frequently linked to crime.” he said to the broadcaster. Calling the situation “quite sensitive”. Satudarah frontman Pronk thinks the case is being taken way out of proportion. “Gianiro is a fine & relaxed guy who, to my knowledge, has never moved in the criminal circuit. That justice can no longer hold him for the murder, says more than enough I believe. I admire his commitment to our country.”

Disclaimer: What I say is based on my knowledge & experience only. It’s entirely possible I’m full of shit. You’ve been warned!!

Abel Reyna's Safe Space - Nov 20, 2015 – *Texas* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Not even the Waco Tribune-Herald can tease McLennan County District Atty Abelino Reyna (see video below) out of his safe space. "Safe space" became the official, trending buzzword this month after student protesters at the Univ of Missouri in Columbia declared that an encampment they had set up was a "safe space," & therefore a news media free zone. Protesters forbid a student photographer named Tim Tai, on assignment for ESPN, from photographing the encampment. Tai tried to explain that he was working for ESPN & futilely argued that "the First Amendment protects your right to be here & mine." The cry bullies who pushed him out did not care. During the encounter a professor named Melissa Click, initially identified as a professor at Missouri's prestigious journalism school, tried to grab his camera & yelled, "Who wants to help me get this reporter out of here? I need some muscle over here." Then the mob shouted "Hey hey, ho ho, reporters have got to go." Safe spaces have been popping up at brand name universities for the last year. They are places of rigid social orthodoxy, or political correctness, where no one is allowed to disagree. The New York Times reported last March that a safe space at Brown University, "was equipped with cookies, coloring books, bubbles, Play-Doh, calming music, pillows, blankets & a video of frolicking puppies, as well as students & staff members trained to deal with trauma."

No Comment: Whatever his safe space looks like, Reyna spent all of yesterday in it while a group of 25 – 30 lawyers who represent most of the 106 people indicted so far, for attending the worst brunch ever at the Waco Twin Peaks last May 17, staged a video opportunity press event. The Waco paper categorized the presser at the Waco Hilton as "a lot of bluster but very little new info." Steadfast police propagandist Tommy Witherspoon wearily noticed that the Attys who spoke "continued to sound what has become a common refrain among Attys for the bikers & many in the motorcycle community – the entire Twin Peaks episode has been mishandled by police & prosecutors since before the 1st bullet was fired outside the crowded restaurant Sun afternoon." It only took the Tribune-Herald 6 months to get there. Then in the most telling line in the story, the Tribune-Herald reported, "Reyna did not return a phone message left at his office Thu."

Shhhhh: But there was in fact, actual news to report from the press event although the Tribune-Herald overlooked it. Dallas lawyer Susan Anderson, who did most of the talking yesterday, revealed that Reyna is refusing to turn over evidence in the case to defense lawyers unless they first sign a written agreement not to share the evidence with the press. In other words, Reyna wants to create a news media free safe space around this appalling case because he is convinced that his own puerile conduct should be beyond scrutiny, criticism or the rule of law. The refusal to turn over the evidence is illegal. It violates Texas' "Michael Morton Act." The law is named for a man named Michael Morton who spent 25 years in prison because a prosecutor withheld evidence in order better secure a conviction. Reyna is clearly withholding evidence now in order to better secure convictions. But Reyna has heard none of this & since he lives in Waco he probably never will. He is in his safe space where everybody must think he is doing a hell of a job or they must get the hell out.

Merry Christmas from Mike, Kari, & Ciera Davis

And Happy New Year...

Mongols MC considering social media ban for members – Nov 20, 2015 – *Australia* – By Anthony Dowsley; www.HeraldSun.com.au - One of the nation's biggest outlaw bkie clubs is considering banning members from -social media as police intensify scrutiny on the gangs. The Mongols MC hierarchy is understood to be upset with some members' Facebook & Instagram use, promoting their lifestyle on public pages. And the Herald Sun has been told some figures within other big clubs — Bandidos, Rebels & Comancheros — are tired of the "heat" members are getting from the law. While the investigation into the ambush shooting of Comancheros office bearer Robert Morando in Narre Warren last month continues, the incident is not believed to be linked to club rivalries. There is also mystery around why Mongol sergeant-at-arms Shane Middleton has been shot twice in a year. It comes as Middleton, a club enforcer, & Nat'l sergeant-at-arms Shane Bowden, were both placed in custody this week.

Shield of Faith Update – Aid to Victims of Waco Tragedy – Nov 9, 2015 - *Texas* - By Denise Nobs – Executive Coordinator; <https://NCOMChristianUnity.wordpress.com> - When the idea of starting Motorcycle Resource Teams was first being discussed, we asked some of the Christian groups & Confederation Of Club members, how can we better serve the motorcycle community? Historically, there have always been charitable efforts within our COC's across the nation. There were charity runs benefitting cancer victims, toy runs for deprived children, & benefits to help COC members who had been in accidents or had medical issues. We were looking for a way for NCOM Christian Unity members to be of more service to the motorcycle community. There were many things individuals were doing already, but a more organized approach was necessary to convey need & match with more effective service. For instance, some of our COC members were overwhelmed with too many people making hospital visits when there were other needs not being met.

Following a model out of the COC in OK, under the leadership of past Pres Steve – O who is a strong Christian, members of our Christian Unity Council met & hammered out a mission statement that cast our vision. "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." Within that framework, we made areas of service – MRT Coordinators, Chaplains who were certified, First Aid, Vehicle Transport, First Responders, EMT, & Support Services. Rockers under the NCOM Christian Unity patches were provided to those who met the requirements of each category. This would be identifiers at COC events & motorcycle venues, in order to have the support when needed. The MRT vision has been shared across the country at NCOM & COC meetings. It has developed strongly in NCOM Region II which covers IA, KS, MO, OK, & TX. Because of the strong MRT in TX & OK, we have been able to respond effectively to the Twin Peaks COC meeting crisis in Waco which left 9 bikers dead, 20 injured & over 170 others incarcerated. The magnitude of need has been astronomical as our COC's had to respond to burying our dead, & injured, & caring for those who were detained in the McClellan County jail causing overload & unsafe conditions. Their families had to retain lawyers & then try to raise the money for ridiculously high \$1 million bonds. Most were reduced, but still were higher than child sex offenders who were housed with some of our members. Those bonds were a paltry \$30,000.

Duane Gryder of Honorbound MM & a member of the Christian Unity Council led the way, activating the MRTS in all regions of Texas to respond. Each **MRT** coordinator met with Christian Unity **NCOM** board Liaison, Louie Nobs to discuss a plan of action. A funding mechanism called Shield of Faith was offered by Frank McIlhaney, **MRT** coordinator for the Austin **COC**. This was a safe & accountable way to receive funds that were then disbursed to the victims by way of paying utility bills, & purchasing gift cards for gasoline & food for the affected families. Some were driving long distances to visit detainees in prison; the loss of income & even the loss of jobs, created a huge need for the MRT to go into crisis intervention mode. As of the first of Nov our MRT coordinators hand delivered financial assistance to over 50 families. To date over \$40,000 has been given to Shield of Faith to help the Waco victims through **COC** benefits across the country, passing the hat at **COC** meetings, & sale of t-shirts & Remember Waco patches. Many have needed help on a monthly basis just to survive. Some waited until they were about to go under before asking for help & new applicants for Waco – Aide are coming forward 5 months later as they find out we are there for them. There is much more to be done to help our families as this continues to drag on in the court system. The holidays are coming & we continue to meet the needs of our families both spiritually & financially, paying utility bills, helping those who are out of work, & those who have crushing debt to lawyers & monthly monitor fees. Some of our widows will be facing their loss during this season; others will not be able to go visit family because of their bond conditions.

When you have a 4 year old girl look in the eyes of one of our chaplains saying, “Thank you, Mister. Now we can go buy food”, it puts what has happened to these families in perspective. We thank Richard Lester, NCOM, the COC’s & all those who donated for their support during this crisis. As we work through this crisis, we want to show the world that we are givers not gangsters & we will take care of our families.

The Bloodiest Day in Biker History – Nov 29, 2015 – *Texas* – By Outlaw RoadBlock; <http://FreeRoadBlock.us> - Over the last 30 years, the Govt’s war against American **MCs** & the biker lifestyle has escalated. On May 17th 2015, Gov’t agents & L.E. finally crossed the line with their extremist actions against American citizens. Blatantly violating basic U.S. Constitutional rights, these agencies organized & carried out an attack on a legitimate political organization. That attack left 9 dead, 20 wounded & over 200 detained and/or arrested. For over 6 months now, the Waco courts along with City, County, State & Fed L.E., have misled the public into believing this was caused solely by a bunch of criminal motorcycle gangs. They have refused to release any real evidence or videos, & have placed gag orders on everyone to prevent the truth from coming out. Who is really responsible? Please read the following news article, published by **GQ** Magazine, & make up your own mind. Comments are welcome.

The Untold Story of the TX Biker Gang Shoot-Out - Sept 30, 2015 – *Texas* - By Nathaniel Penn; www.GQ.com - It was supposed to be a quiet meeting of regional clubs at a local Waco breastaurant. Instead, 9 men were killed, 20 were wounded, & 177 wound up in jail. Was it a turf war gone mad? Or a botched police response? Nathaniel Penn reports on how the bloodiest day in biker history went down... The Twin Peaks chain is the most successful of America’s post-Hooters wave of so-called

breastaurants. (“Hooters,” the co-founder of Twin Peaks has said, “wasn’t racy enough.”) Flirty waitresses wear skimpy mountaineering outfits: tiny khaki shorts, midriff-baring plaid shirts, climbing boots. A sign outside promises Eats • Drinks • Scenic Views... Though it had been open less than a year, the Twin Peaks in Waco was already a popular spot for Thursday Biker Nights. The Texas Confederation Of Clubs & Independents—a kind of United Nations General Assembly for local **MCs**—had never held its bimonthly meeting at Twin Peaks before, but the organization’s state chairman was returning from a national convention, & he wanted to speak to as many Texas bikers as possible about various legislative initiatives. Waco is situated between Dallas & Austin, 2 of the most populous biker cities in Texas. Afterward—after 9 bikers were shot dead, 20 were wounded, & an unprecedented 177 people from at least 5 different clubs wound up in police custody—the Waco P.D. would claim that the bloodbath was triggered by the Bandidos & the Cossacks, a pair of rival “outlaw motorcycle gangs” (OMGs in L.E. vernacular), beefing over the things that OMGs tend to beef over: territory, respect. Months later, though, the Waco P.D. was still suppressing any video footage & ballistic analysis that could offer proof. Some of the 177 arrested (including 4 women) languished in jail for weeks, others for months, before they could afford to post bail. All of them, even guys who hid out in the bathroom while bullets flew, face up to 99 years in jail. These bimonthly confederation meetings, known as **COC** meetings, are mostly arcane discussions of motorcycle-rights issues. They have zero history of violence. Then again, they have virtually zero history of Cossack participation. In fact, May 17 marked only the second time in memory any of the club’s members had ever attended a **COC** meeting; for years, they’d refused to join the organization—a direct rebuke to the Bandidos, Texas’s most powerful **MC** & one of the nation’s largest, with more than 2,000 members. But things had been ugly between the 2 rivals for a while—fistfights, knife fights, roadside beatings. Infrequent, but growing in brutality. As a general rule, bikers are not big talkers. It’s an insular & suspicious world, especially in TX, especially now, in the hazy aftermath of the bloodiest day in the often sensationalized history of American biker clubs. Nevertheless, all the Cossacks interviewed by **GQ** for this story insist they showed up that morning to make peace. And virtually every biker I spoke with last June & July—Cossacks, Bandidos, members of multiple other clubs, 22 bikers in total—believes that the real blame for all the dead bodies belongs with the Waco police.

Anonymous Cossack #1: We had almost 70 men, & we showed up at the same time, because we don’t like being left on the road in small groups, because of what’s been happening. We went in & ordered drinks.

Vincent Glenn (officer, Waco P.D., from an affidavit dated June 15): The Cossacks & their support clubs took over the patio area, which is the exact area of the restaurant that was reserved for the [COC] meeting.

Anonymous MC member: We noticed all the Cossacks sitting on the patio. We gave respect to them, them being a bigger group & having so many people there.

Anonymous Cossack #1: A group of 7 Bandidos rolled up on bikes, furious that we were parking up front. They hit one of our prospects, an older guy—ran over his foot.

Reginald Weathers (Bandidos, from court testimony at his bail hearing): My Pres & V.P. tried to back in, & immediately the Cossacks on the porch came out & started pushing their bikes

[away], saying they couldn't park there. [Cossacks] kept coming off the patio, over the fence—60 to 100 guys. They were yelling at my Pres [and] my V.P...

Glenn (from his affidavit): Several of the Cossacks pulled their weapons, including handguns.

Anonymous Cossack #1: Of course, we're not gonna back down. We're men. One of our sergeants at arms—our guys in charge of security—said, “We can take our cuts [vests with club patches] off right now, & you & I can fight.” The guy says, “No, we're not doin' that.” Our sergeant at arms says, “Then let's go in & have a beer & talk about it.”

John Wilson (Cossacks MC, McLennan County chapter Pres): It looked like it was all going to calm down.

Anonymous Cossack #2: And then somebody, I think it was a Bandido, said, “Don't talk to my Pres that way.”

Weathers (from court testimony): I said, “I don't think you need to talk to my Pres like that.” I didn't think it was very respectful. He hit me. My head got pulled down. There was a crowd of guys, & I couldn't see anything.

Anonymous Cossack #2: Fists flew, & it was game on. They went to the ground. Seconds later, I heard bang!

The Bandidos vs. The Cossacks: The Bandidos are terrorists. They execute people. - Jon “Hondo” Moses, Cossacks, Hill County chapter... The Cossacks are a bunch of inbred corn-fed dumb fucking hillbillies. That's my personal fucking opinion on those stupid asses. - Anonymous Bandido

The Bandidos were baptized in blood. They were founded in 1966 by an ex-Marine & Vietnam vet named Don Chambers, whose road name was Mother & who led the club until 1972, when he & 2 other men were convicted of double murder. They abducted 2 drug dealers who'd cheated the Bandidos on a meth deal, forced the dealers to dig their own graves in the Texas desert, then shot them & set fire to their bodies. Chambers's 3 successors were all taken down by the feds for a variety of offenses. During the 1970s, '80s, & '90s, the Bandidos did everything the feds continue to accuse them of doing today, including trafficking in narcotics & prostitution. But there hasn't been a major Bandidos bust since 2011, when 39 club members & associates were arrested in Dallas, San Antonio, & Denver on gun & drug charges. Jeff Pike, the club's publicity-shy current Pres, has held office—mostly quietly—since 2005. “The '60s are over,” one Bandido insisted to me. Most bikers today, in Texas & elsewhere, are community-minded law-and-order Republicans—the less affluent, more racially diverse descendants of the Elks & the Knights of Columbus. This includes Bandidos. But as “one-percenters,” the Bandidos also exist in a category apart from most other clubs. More of a boast than an admission of criminal intent, “one-percenter” is a reference to a long-ago line attributed to the American Motorcyclist Association that 99 percent of motorcycle owners are decent, law-abiding citizens. It's unclear whether the Bandidos are, as the feds continue to insist, an organized-crime enterprise, but it is likely that they tolerate a minority of members who are criminals & who use their brothers' loyalty as cover. When I asked one Bandido whether his chapter would kick out a brother who was engaging in criminal activity, he replied cautiously: “It would be the best thing to do.”

Today, as the dominant club in Texas, the Bandidos enforce order among the state's thousands of bikers. “I have personally been around the Bandidos for thousands of hours & have never known them to be violent,” says Steve Cochran, founder & vice

Pres of Sons of the South & a prominent spokesman for the Texas biker community. “There are certain responsibilities as the dominant club that you have to attend to. And one of those things is to disallow knuckleheads, like what showed up at Twin Peaks, to destroy the motorcycle-riding community in the state & to disallow their ability to function.”

Much less is known about the Cossacks, except that they were founded in 1969 in East Texas, & they are growing rapidly. They claim a current membership of about 800 members, which would make them the second-biggest club in Texas after the Bandidos.

Over the past 2 years, the Bandidos & Cossacks appear to have been engaged in a simmering power struggle. In November 2013, 2 Cossacks were stabbed in a roadhouse parking lot in Abilene; the Pres of the local Bandidos chapter was arrested in connection with the assault. Earlier this year, on March 22, Cossacks allegedly forced a Bandido rider off I-35 in Lorena & beat him so brutally—with chains & metal pipes—that he nearly lost an eye. At a gas station in Mingus that same day, Bandidos confronted the Cossack son of a local politician & demanded that he remove the Texas “rocker,” or badge, from his cut. When he refused, they allegedly attacked him with a hammer. The FBI & members of both clubs believe several additional clashes were never reported.

Steve Cochran (co-founder & V.P. Sons of the South): There are no Bandidos in Waco. The Cossacks arrived on the scene 3 or 4 years ago. They started flexing on all the other clubs in the area. They would claim they own Waco. They would harass all the other MCs: “You can't ride here. This is our town.”

John Wilson (Cossacks): We never told anybody that Waco was a Cossack town, that nobody else was allowed to ride here. We were welcomed by all the different establishments. The only club that had a problem with us didn't have a chapter here. There was a Bandidos chapter in Waco, oh, probably 12 years ago, but those guys were involved in a murder in a local bar, & after that, they got shut down.

Anonymous Bandido #2: Some Cossacks might be Klan members. They wear the lightning bolts.

Wilson: I don't know if anybody actually ever said S.S. lightning bolts were outlawed, but there are no white-supremacist patches allowed. If some guy sewed one on, he might not have got called on it yet.

Anonymous Cossack #1: The Bandidos invited us to [the COC meeting at Twin Peaks]. That's why we were there earlier than any other club. We were told, “This meeting is about us stopping all this crap.” The agreement was made by a Bandido named Marshall Mitchell.

Marshall Mitchell (Bandidos): That's a lie. That is an absolute lie. They were never invited. Categorically absolute b.s. You can ask any MC in the world. You never bring 60 people to a meeting [as the Cossacks did; the Bandidos had about 20]. It's 3 people & 3 people, or 2 people & 2 people, & that's the way it is.

Glenn (from his affidavit): A Waco gang-intelligence officer learned that the Cossacks were upset that the Bandidos changed the location of the [May 17 COC] meeting to “their territory.” The Cossacks made the decision to take a stand & attend the meeting uninvited.

The police were already there as the rest of the clubs arrived that morning. “They're circling like buzzards on a dead deer,” one biker told me. “I look at the people I was riding with, & I said, ‘This don't look right.’ ” Afterward, said the Cossacks' John

Wilson, “a Waco spokesman was touting the quick 40-second response time of the police, when that was obviously false. They were here.” The bikers believe this provides a clue to the Waco P.D.’s ongoing silence: The cops know their response was overzealous, possibly unlawful, & now they’re covering it up. Some bikers believe there’s an even more sinister explanation: that a firefight of some kind was supposed to happen—that it was all part of a plan by the Waco P.D. to provoke bitter rivals into a public brawl that could be violently crushed & then used as a basis for sweeping RICO indictments. “We basically walked into an ambush,” says the Cossacks’ Jon “Hondo” Moses. “The die was cast as soon as we rode into that parking lot.”

Wilson: I didn’t see who fired the first shot. I was told it was a Bandido firing into the ground, trying to break up a fistfight.

Anonymous Cossack #2: I thought it was just a warning shot from somebody. I was dazed. I stood in place. I thought they had fired a gun in the air to make everything stop.

Anonymous Cossack #1: I felt a concussion from the pistol. It was a black semiautomatic.

Anonymous MC member: We heard a pop. Then a few more pops. Your feet start to act. There’s pops from the rear, from the front, on the far side. It’s like being in a war zone.

Anonymous Cossack #2: I heard projectiles zinging past me, but I didn’t hear no gun going off. It was either a silenced weapon or a very suppressed weapon in the distance. I’ve never been so scared in my life.

Unidentified Waco P.D. officer #1 (from radio traffic): Dispatch units soonest-Twin Peaks! Shots fired, several people down!

Anonymous Cossack #1: One [shot] killed Richie, our regional sergeant at arms. Another went through the neck of our sergeant at arms. This Bandido jumped off his bike & attacked him. He was beatin’ the crap out of my S.A., right? He had gloves with lead in ‘em. But when my S.A. got on top of him—he’s a good ol’ boy—this other Bandido came up from behind with a pistol & shot him in the neck. Well, we assume he was a Bandido—he wasn’t with us. (2) My S.A. lived. He was very lucky. I pulled myself in underneath my motorcycle, making myself as small a target as possible. I was just breathing & hoping it would end soon. I just kept hearing shots. Long-distance.

Anonymous MC member: Now, the first 2 or 3 pops-me & half my crew being ex-military, we know what small-arms fire from pistols sounds like. We also know what squad automatic weapons [typically used by the military & law enforcement] sound like. After the third pop, it was nothing but squad automatic weapons.

Anonymous Cossack #1: I got shot, & I didn’t know it until it started burning. I looked down & saw a hole. It was bleeding pretty bad. I wadded my shirt & held it & yelled out, “I’m hit!” Then I saw Diesel [a fellow Cossack] get shot in the forehead. He also took cover next to me. He wasn’t shooting or nothing.

Anonymous Cossack #2: I watched the top of Diesel’s head come off & land on another dude’s jeans. I was probably ten yards away from where it happened. And his son was standing right there beside him & watched it happen. Watched his dad die. Another brother of mine had a gut-shot hole I could’ve stuck my thumb in. He had Diesel’s brains on his pant leg.

Weathers (from court testimony): I was shot, I have no clue by who. It went through my right arm into my chest. I’m on a blood thinner, so it’s a big deal to get hit. I ran for the other side of the vehicles parked near the Don Carlos Mexican restaurant to find some cover.

Anonymous Cossack #2: I’d guess the shooting lasted 2 to 3 minutes, but when you got bullets flying over your head, 3 minutes is a long time. I will never forget any of that. Nothing I’d seen in the Marines had really prepared you for that. I have a couple of friends in the Cossacks who’ve done 3 tours in Iraq. They’re like, “I’ve never seen no shit like this before.”

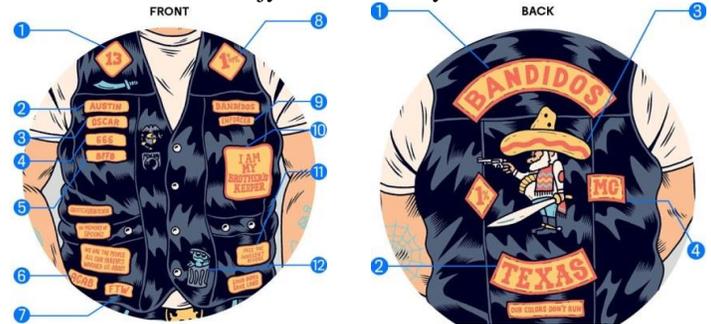
Unidentified Waco P.D. officer #2 (from radio traffic): Do not send an ambulance! Have ‘em stage [nearby]. This place is hot!

Wilson: The police rounded everybody up & marched us out & through the carnage in the parking lot. We were detained, but we weren’t cuffed. We were just sitting there & trying to take care of our wounded. Bear was shot in the abdomen & the legs. Rattle Can was shot in his torso, & he was bleeding bad & had even started to convulse while he was there on the ground while officers stood around with rifles pointed at us. Rattle Can was laying there in a lot of pain, & my son & others were over there, trying to stick bandannas in bullet holes. He was able to talk for a while, but before they picked him up, he had slipped into unconsciousness. That’s really all I want to say about that.

Anonymous Cossack #1: I was losing a lot of blood. I started to lose consciousness at that point. A member of the Boozefighters came up & helped me. He ignored the protocols of “stay with your club”; he must have been an EMT or First responder. He told the guy to apply pressure, took shirts off & whatnot. He was saving lives.

Wilson: Not a single law-enforcement person lifted a finger to help any of the wounded. And they made it pretty clear that they were going to be violent if we tried to take our guys to the ambulance. Three men were bleeding out before our eyes. If those men were still alive 30, 40 minutes after being shot, they could have been saved. A prospect named Trainer from out of Tarrant County chapter was shot. They zip-tied him & laid him on the ground next to a Bandido they had handcuffed. I noticed him jerk a few times, laying there. We were sitting there, 30 feet from him, & weren’t able to help him. About 2 hours later, somebody walked over, looked at him, & covered him with a yellow sheet.

Patches 101: What Does “ACAB” Mean? Bikers take their patches very seriously. And many patches mean different things to different clubs. Here’s a taxonomy of the ones whose origins we could decode. - Benjy Hansen-Bundy



1. The thirteenth letter of the alphabet, for motorcycle (or, say, meth) 2. City chapter 3. Nametag 4. The Mark of the Beast 5. “Bandidos Forever, Forever Bandidos” 6. “All Cops Are Bastards” 7. “Fuck The World” 8. As distinct from the 99 percent of bikers who are law-abiding 9. Rank or title 10. Genesis 4:9, paraphrased 11. Protesting the steep bail bonds & glacial processing of the Waco D.A. 12. Minimum 15 pieces of personal flair. We want you to express yourself, okay

1. *Collectively* the back patches are known as the “colors.” This is the “top rocker.” 2. The “bottom rocker” claims the club’s territory. According to some accounts, a dispute over the right to wear the Texas rocker might’ve helped provoke the shoot-out. 3. It’s rumored that Bandidos founder Don Chambers chose this “fat Mexican” insignia to be more racially inclusive than the then predominantly white Hells Angels. It’s clumsy & racially tone-deaf, but the Bandidos do have many Hispanic members. 4. “MC”

The Waco P.D.: Sergeant Patrick Swanton, the Waco PD’s affable officious spokesman, gave 7 press conferences in the first 3 days after the shootings. He became a minor media celebrity. With so little evidence available to the public, Swanton had complete control of the narrative, & he took the opportunity to declare, repeatedly, that the COC meeting at Twin Peaks had been a criminal gathering & that every biker who attended was a gang member. When a reporter observed that many bikers had disputed these claims, Swanton was dismissive. “They lied,” he said. The dead men ranged in age from 27 to 65: 7 Cossacks, one Bandido, & one unaffiliated biker—the 65-year-old—who was an ex-Marine recipient of the Purple Heart for service in Vietnam. By his final press conference, Swanton seemed to be struggling to defend his early characterizations of the clubs. A reporter asked, “Can you please respond to criticism...that not all 170 [jailed bikers] are criminals, that a lot of [them] are totally innocent & had nothing to do with the shooting?” “No, I can’t respond to that,” Swanton shot back, then hastily moved on. For a while, Swanton continued posting press releases about the shootings on the Waco P.D.’s Facebook page, but all of them have since been deleted.

The Texas Dept of Public Safety did its part to ramp up hysteria, leaking a “confidential bulletin” to CNN alleging that Bandidos in active military service were arming their chapters with grenades & C4 explosives so that they could retaliate against the police. One of the DPS’s sources was a club called the Black Widows, which does not exist except in the 1978 movie *Every Which Way But Loose*. In response, one biker blog jeered: “Waco Police Now Claim They Are Being Attacked by Clint Eastwood & An Orangutan Named Clyde.” Any attempt to try to piece together exactly how the 9 bikers died—whose guns fired the fatal shots—requires wading into JFK-assassination levels of paranoia & confusion. For instance, members of multiple clubs have claimed that when the shooting started, 2 Cossacks stood up inside the restaurant, took off their cuts, & put on badges. Were they undercover cops waiting for a fight to break out, & if so, did they play a part in instigating it? Other witnesses have said that a Waco cop wearing a Cossacks cut was firing shots, then helped make arrests afterward.

According to Waco police Chief Brent Stroman, only 3 of his 16 officers discharged their weapons, firing a total of 12 rounds. But eyewitnesses dispute that figure, as does the owner of the adjacent Don Carlos restaurant, who has claimed that “thousands of bullet rounds” were fired. Could it be that the Dept’s numbers don’t include shots from its undercover officers? And if the bikers were firing at police, as alleged, why hasn’t the Waco P.D. released any hard evidence to prove it? “Harried handgun fights are usually a pretty inaccurate situation,” says Cossacks chapter Pres John Wilson. “Head shots happen by mistake, if at all. Someone got lucky. To have that many guys hit with torso shots & head shots—in my experience, I would say that indicates you had trained people with long rifles & optical sights. That’s accurate, aimed fire.”

A rival Bandido, who declined to be named, reached the same conclusion: “Seven of the 9 [dead] were head shots or chest shots. Who trains for that? Who?”

The Waco 177: The volume of arrests at Twin Peaks completely overwhelmed the city’s criminal-processing system. Many of the Waco 177 waited days to be provided with a lawyer while the desperate court system sought help from neighboring cities. “Like if you were in a fast-food restaurant & 3 buses pulled up,” a local judge named Billy Ray Stubblefield told the Waco Tribune, “and all the kids want their food just as fast as they normally do.” It’s still unclear why so many of the bikers were arrested in the first place, when it appears that so few of them were actually involved in the shoot-out. Three bikers were arrested despite arriving after the shooting stopped; Swanton later said it was because they were carrying guns—legally, as it later appeared—and because they were “wearing the colors of criminal gang members.” Swanton, meanwhile, is now trying to parlay his elevated profile into a run for county sheriff.

Wilson: We were lined up & zip-tied, had our shoes taken from us & our belts & anything in our pockets. We were taken to the Waco Convention Center, where we were set on the floor, & we spent the next 18 or so hours there.

Anonymous MC member: They ask me to identify my belongings that are in a big old pile of shit. It’s like 177 bags, no names on them.

Matt Clendennen (Scimitars MC): Chair, floor—wherever we could find to sleep is where we slept, with our hands tied behind our backs. I didn’t sleep much.

Anonymous MC member: At 2 or 3 in the morning, I had my zip ties popped off for about 4 minutes so that I could pee. Then they put a new set on, just as tight, & brought us a piece of fried chicken & a little bitty cup of water. Have you ever tried to eat something with your hands behind your back?

Wilson: They took our clothes & put us in jail uniforms & stood us in front of a camera & told us we were on a \$1 million bond & snapped our picture. I was in shock. The vast, vast majority of those people committed no crime. I kept thinking, There’s some mistake.

Anonymous Cossack #2: To get out on a \$1 million bond, it’ll cost \$100,000. How many people can just pull that out of their pocket?

Wilson: I was in jail 28 days. My son was in for 37. We’re not wealthy people, so it took a lot longer for him to get his bond reduced.

Anonymous Cossack #2: I was in for 27 days. We had our bad moments, you know, when we’d get off the phone from talking to our wives or loved ones & be very down.

Wilson: Some of these guys were on PTSD medications that they were denied in jail. One of our guys was ten months out of Afghanistan, & it was very hard on him. I saw him break down several times.

Anonymous Cossack #2: They dropped my bond down to \$250,000. My lawyer screamed & screamed; they dropped it down to \$65,000. Here’s my wife trying to raise up 10 percent to get me out of jail, & I only got to talk to her once a day for 15 minutes.

Clendennen: When I got out, I was in a hurry to pick my son up on his last day of school. My wife told him I was on a business trip, because he’s 4 years old & his understanding of going to jail is you’ve done something wrong. We have a minivan, & my wife opened the door, & I was sitting in the backseat. He was surprised & overjoyed & confused all at the same time. The next morning, I

had to get back to my job. When he woke up, he was real upset that I wasn't there. It hit him real heavy. He was thinking I was going to be gone again.

Anonymous Cossack #2: We have one guy that was a United Airlines pilot. For years. He lost his whole career.

Anonymous MC member: When you get out of jail after being gone for 30 days, you don't have a job anymore. I got fired. Nobody wants to hire an electrician with a class 1 felony charge pending above his head.

The Waco Justice System: "The city of Waco is looking at paying out hundreds of millions of dollars," says Michael White, Wilson's attorney. "I don't think we've ever seen something on the scale of 175-plus people being arrested for something they did not do." To survive the storm, the city's legal strategy seems to be to pressure the Waco 177 into pleading guilty to minor infractions for time served; this would preclude the bikers from being able to sue for wrongful imprisonment.

Justice of the peace Walter "Pete" Peterson's across-the-board imposition of \$1 million bonds—"to send a message," he said—was almost certainly illegal. Waco P.D. officer Manuel Chavez later admitted in court that Peterson signed all 177 of the so-called cookie-cutter probable-cause affidavits in bulk, without specifying the evidence against each individual defendant. Peterson, it turns out, is a former state trooper with no legal training.

Nevertheless, the Waco 177 still have their work cut out for them. The judge in the case, Matt Johnson, is the former law partner of district attorney Abel Reyna. Incredibly, the foreman of the first grand jury to be convened, James Head, is a Waco P.D. detective. "He was chosen totally at random, like the law says," Reyna insisted to local reporters. If this seems brazen, consider that the commission to appoint jurors was originally going to be led by Reyna's own father. Reyna only backed down under pressure, acquiescing to the process that led to Head's selection. Asked why he'd permit an active police officer to lead a grand jury investigating possible police misconduct, state district judge Ralph Strother said, "I just thought, 'Well, he's qualified. He knows the criminal-justice system.'"

On his first day as a grand juror, Head wore his badge & service pistol. Later, when a reporter asked him if he'd taken part in the Waco operation, Head responded: "Not really."

Nathaniel Penn is a GQ correspondent.

(1) At the request of some interviewees, certain names and/or identifying details have been changed or withheld.

(2) Bandido or not, this biker has yet to be identified.

(3) The DPS declined an interview request. Swanton cordially e-mailed to say he would "touch base" with me the following morning, then melted away.

You know you're a redneck when...

1. You take your dog for a walk & you both use the same tree.
2. You can entertain yourself for more than 15 minutes with a fly swatter.
3. Your boat has not left the driveway in 15 years.
4. You burn your yard rather than mow it.
5. You think "The Nutcracker" is something you do off the high dive.
6. The Salvation Army declines your furniture.

Confederation of Clubs Goals

Bring the Patch holders Together:

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

Fight Police Harassment & Discrimination:

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

Proclamation of Intent:

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

You know you're a redneck when...

7. You offer to give someone the shirt off your back & they don't want it.
8. You have the local taxidermist on speed dial.
9. You come back from the dump with more than you took.
10. You keep a can of Raid on the kitchen table.
11. Your wife can climb a tree faster than your cat.
12. Your grandmother has "ammo" on her Christmas list.
13. You keep flea & tick soap in the shower.
14. You've been involved in a custody fight over a hunting dog.
15. You go to the stock car races & don't need a program.
16. You know how many bales of hay your car will hold.
17. You have a rag for a gas cap.
18. Your house doesn't have curtains, but your truck does.
19. You wonder how service stations keep their restrooms so clean.
20. You can spit without opening your mouth.
21. You consider your license plate personalized because your father made it.
22. Your lifetime goal is to own a fireworks stand.
23. You have a complete set of salad bowls & they all say "Cool Whip" on the side.
24. The biggest city you've ever been to is Wal-Mart.
25. Your working TV sits on top of your non-working TV.
26. You've used your ironing board as a buffet table.
27. A tornado hits your neighborhood & does \$100,000 worth of improvements.
28. You've used a toilet brush to scratch your back.
29. You missed your 5th grade graduation because you were on jury duty.
30. You think fast food is hitting a deer at 65.

Honesty: Much of History is not Pretty...

The 2015 Darwin Awards are finally out. The annual honor given to the persons who did the gene pool the biggest service by killing themselves in the most extraordinarily stupid way. Last year's winner was the fellow who was killed by a Coke machine which toppled over on top of him as he was attempting to tip a free soda out. This year's winner was a real rocket scientist... Honest! And remember that each & every one of these is true & the nominees were:

Semifinalist #1: A young Canadian man, searching for a way of getting drunk cheaply, because he had no money with which to buy alcohol, mixed gasoline with milk. Not surprisingly, this concoction made him ill, & he vomited into the fireplace in his house. The resulting explosion & fire burned his house down, killing both him & his sister.

Semifinalist #2: Three Brazilian men were flying in a light aircraft at low altitude when another plane approached. It appears that they decided to moon the occupants of the other plane, but lost control of their own aircraft & crashed. They were all found dead in the wreckage with their pants around their ankles.

Semifinalist #3: A 22-year-old Reston, VA, man was found dead after he tried to use octopus straps to bungee jump off a 70-foot railroad trestle. Fairfax County police said Eric Barcia, a fast food worker, taped a bunch of these straps together, wrapped an end around one foot, anchored the other end to the trestle at Lake Accotink Park, jumped & hit the pavement. Warren Carmichael, a police spokesman, said investigators think Barcia was alone because his car was found nearby. 'The length of the cord that he had assembled was greater than the distance between the trestle & the ground,' Carmichael said. Police say the apparent cause of death was 'Major trauma.'

Semifinalist #4: A man in Alabama died from rattlesnake bites. It seems that he & a friend were playing a game of catch, using the rattlesnake as a ball. The friend - no doubt a future Darwin Awards candidate - was hospitalized.

Semifinalist #5: Employees in a medium-sized warehouse in west Texas noticed the smell of a gas leak. Sensibly, management evacuated the building extinguishing all potential sources of ignition; lights, power, etc. After the building had been evacuated, 2 technicians from the gas company were dispatched. Upon entering the building, they found they had difficulty navigating in the dark. To their frustration, none of the lights worked. Witnesses later described the sight of one of the technicians reaching into his pocket & retrieving an object that resembled a cigarette lighter! Upon operation of the lighter-like object, the gas in the warehouse exploded, sending pieces of it up to 3 miles away. Nothing was found of the technicians, but the lighter was virtually untouched by the explosion. The technician suspected of causing the blast had never been thought of as "bright" by his peers.

Now, the winner of this year's Darwin Award (awarded, as always, posthumously): The Arizona Highway Patrol came upon a pile of smoldering metal embedded in the side of a cliff rising above the road at the apex of a curve. The wreckage resembled the site of an airplane crash, but it was a car. The type of car was unidentifiable at the scene. Police investigators finally pieced together the mystery. An amateur rocket scientist...had somehow gotten hold of a J.A.T.O. unit (Jet Assisted Take Off, actually a solid fuel rocket) that is used to give heavy military transport

planes an extra 'push' for taking off from short airfields. He had driven his Chevy Impala out into the desert & found a long, straight stretch of road. He attached the J.A.T.O. unit to the car, jumped in, got up some speed & fired off the J.A.T.O.! The facts as best as could be determined are that the operator of the 1967 Impala hit the J.A.T.O. ignition at a distance of approximately 3.0 miles from the crash site. This was established by the scorched & melted asphalt at that location. The J.A.T.O., if operating properly, would have reached maximum thrust within 5 seconds, causing the Chevy to reach speeds well in excess of 350 mph & continuing at full power for an additional 20-25 seconds. The driver, & soon to be pilot, would have experienced G-forces usually reserved for dog fighting F -14 jocks under full afterburners, causing him to become irrelevant for the remainder of the event. However, the automobile remained on the straight highway for about 2.5 miles (15-20 seconds) before the driver applied & completely melted the brakes, blowing the tires & leaving thick rubber marks on the road surface, then becoming airborne for an additional 1.4 miles & impacting the cliff face at a height of 125 feet leaving a blackened crater 3 feet deep in the rock. Most of the driver's remains were not recoverable. However, small fragments of bone, teeth & hair were extracted from the crater, & fingernail & bone shards were removed from a piece of debris believed to be a portion of the steering wheel.

Epilogue: It has been calculated that this moron attained a ground speed of approximately 420-mph, though much of his voyage was not actually on the ground.

A woman goes into the Bass Pro Shop to buy a rod & reel for her grandson's birthday. She doesn't know which one to get so she just grabs one & goes over to the counter. A Bass Pro Shop associate is standing there wearing dark shades. She says, "Excuse me, sir. Can you tell me anything about this rod & reel?" He says, "Ma'am, I'm completely blind; but if you'll drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything from the sound it makes." She doesn't believe him but drops it on the counter anyway. He says, "That's a 6-foot Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 reel & 10-LB.test line. It's a good all-around combination & it's on sale this week for only \$20.00." She says, "It's amazing that you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter. I'll take it!" As she opens her purse, her credit card drops on the floor. "Oh, that sounds like a Master Card," he says. She bends down to pick it up, & accidentally farts. At first she is really embarrassed, but then realizes there is no way the blind clerk could tell it was she who tooted. Being blind, he wouldn't know that she was the only person around. The man rings up the sale & says, "That'll be \$34.50" The woman is totally confused by this & asks, "Didn't you tell me the rod & reel were on sale for \$20.00? How did you get \$34.50?" He replies, "Yes, Ma'am. The rod & reel is \$20.00, but the Duck Call is \$11.00 & the Bear Repellent is \$3.50."

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