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Free All Brothers Behind Bars...

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If your best laughs aren't at yourself, don't claim to have a sense of humor. – Hquinn

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In Memory of **Bandido Butch** (*My Friend*) from **South Dakota** who passed away on Jan 23, 2016... R.I.P. Bandido **Butch**...
In Memory of **Sons Of Silence Dago** (*Friend & Brother*) from **Iowa** who passed away on Feb 23, 2016... R.I.P. Sons Of Silence **Dago**...

Congratulations to **Vago Casey** on your release...

Congratulations to **Hellion RERE** on your release...

Congratulations to **Pagan Wiz** on your release to a 1/2-way house...

Congratulations to **Outlaw Dr. John** on your release to a 1/2-way house...

Congratulations to **Peckerwood Jason** on your release to a 1/2-way house...

Congratulations to **Highwaymen Kwik** on your release to a 1/2-way house...

Congratulations to **Hells Angel Joey Frisco** on your release to a 1/2-way house...

Welcome **Pagan Tat** to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome **DC Eagle Moon** to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome **Sleep Walker Rush** to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Thanks goes to **Pagan's MC Hangaround Tramp** on his donation of \$ 10.00 to this Newsletter...

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Editor's Note: For **December** there were 2 Issues, For **January** there were 2 Issues; For **February** 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...

Editor's Correction: Ash is **Not** an **Outlaws MC** member as I put into Issue 1 for January 2016...

Editor's Note: This is a benefit for those arrested in Waco. Here is a list of the Items So Far...

The 1st Item for the Waco Benefit was painted & donated by **Satans Soldier Angelo**... Great Painting... *Thank You Angelo*...



The 2nd Item for the Waco Benefit was painted & donated by **Satans Soldier Angelo**... Great Painting... *Thank You Angelo*...



The 3rd Item for this Benefit was made by **Pagan Supporter Opie**... He did some Great tooling in this wallet... Thank You Opie...



Entire Design



Upper Left Corner



Upper Right Corner

The 4th Item for this Benefit was donated by **Sons Of Silence Supporter Kolby** & by John H. Wilson Sr (who actually made it) ...



The 5th, 6th, & 7th Items for this Benefit was made by **Bandido Cowboy**... Great wallets... Thank You Cowboy...



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

Editor's Note : It is too hard to keep up with counts, But for your info here are the Clubs that are getting the Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter (**84 Clubs**) in Prison: Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Brothers 8, Brotherhood Nomads, Brothers Of Wheels, Cloven Hoofs, Damned Deacon, D.C. Eagles, Death Squad, Derelicts, Devils Diciples, Diablos, El Forastero, Finks, Fly-In-Wheels, Forsaken Few, Free Souls, Estesdes, 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*

On the morning that Daylight Savings Time ended, I stopped to visit my aging friend. He was busy covering his penis with black shoe polish. I said to him, "you've really got to get hearing aids. You're supposed to turn your clock back."

R.I.P. Dago S.F.F.S Dago 1%ER Iowa U.S.S.A.



James "Dago" Marchellino - February 25, 2016 - *Iowa* - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Somebody you would have liked died Tuesday. James "Dago" Marchellino was a 36 year 11-month veteran of the Sons of Silence Motorcycle Club, a lover of life, a shrewd observer, an ex-convict, a singer of songs & sometimes an inspiration to those who knew him.

He wrote:

This centerpiece & rocker's from the family that I'm in.
I wear 'em on my leathers & they're tattooed on my skin.
And this diamond on my heart means I'm not a part
Of your 'great society.'
So you understand why Uncle Sam
Ain't got no use for Scooter Trash like me.

Marchellino was, for example, the inspiration for the well-known newsletter Brothers Behind Bars which is distributed free to incarcerated members of all motorcycle clubs in prisons that allow their prisoners to read it. In the Aug 2014 issue of Brothers Behind Bars, editor Mike Davis explains: "First Brother to receive the initial newsletter (not really a newsletter back then), was Sons Of Silence **Dago**. **Dago** transferred from Iowa to my Chapter in Minnesota. Shortly after moving to Minnesota & even before he changed his Iowa Rocker to Minnesota he found himself in a little hot water - parole violation." "Basically I printed some jokes off, dropped them in the mail to my new chapter Brother **Dago**. I figure if I could put a smile on his face for even a few seconds that was well worth a 33-cent stamp."

While serving the remainder of his punishment for a possession charge at the Minnesota Correctional Facility – St. Cloud, Marchellino took up the guitar & started recording the songs he wrote. He called his work “honest music about life.” Eventually he formed a band called “**Dago & Criminal History.**” His words ring true to men of a certain age & a certain background.

*And these sleds we ride are as different
As the colors that we fly.
But underneath it's all the same –
We've got to ride or die.
This club life ain't for everyone
And I wouldn't want to do it if it was;
'Cause it takes a certain kind of man
To live the way a One Percenter does.
Yeah, it takes a better kind of man
To live the life a One Percenter does.*

Dago Marchellino fell ill suddenly Feb 23. He died at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines later that day. In addition to his club brothers, he is survived by his wife, Dale; his 2 daughters, Jami Fite & Megan Marchellino; & his mother, Dorothy Hansen. There will be a viewing this Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. followed by a funeral service at the Hausbarn Conference Center in Manning, Iowa. The service will be followed by a reception.

James “Dago” Marchellino was just 58-years-old. His body has died. His thoughts, his words, the sound of his voice & his soul remain. *Donec Mors Non Separat Requiscat In Pace*

Responses to “James “Dago” Marchellino”:

Jim666 Says: Man, hate to read this, I remember hearing his music a few years back, one of his brothers, who has also passed turned me on to it. Rest in peace **Dago 1%er SOSMC** Condolences to his family, friends, & brothers.

Westside Says: Rest in Peace **SOS Dago 1%er**. My condolences to his Brothers, Family & friends. **SOS Mike 1%er** is a class act. His **BBB** newsletter has touched the souls of lounge lizards around the world.

Sheryl Davis George Says: RIP **Dago!!** Please tell my daddy Chucker I miss him. And thank you sir for telling me about my daddy & I'm so very sorry that I never had the chance to meet you. But I thank you for your kindness. God Bless

Kenny 1% Says: The 1%er World will miss u **Dago 1%er.G.B.N.F.** I met this brother at a C.O.C. many years ago. We both had decided enough of our beloved brothers had died in needless confrontations. On his word I rode 600 miles alone & partied with him & his S.O.S. Brothers. He was a man of his word full of Love for our World. He is in the forever world with his blood brother now. Love u **Dago 1%er....** c u one day.

Backwards Bob 1%er Says: Rest In Peace Brother, Gonna Miss Ya, Say Hi To JR

Blast from the past Brother Says: Many great miles & memories of broken couches, flaming hayrides & pitchers of Willies. You're now with you blood Tony & many others who are also missed greatly. Can almost hear JR hollering at ya now... Here's to you my brother **Dago 1%er...!** Love & Respect Always, SFFS

AVAGOVFFV Says: To the Brothers, family & friends of **Dago 1%** may your grief pass swiftly your heart beat proudly for the many contributions **Dago 1%** made to the 1%'er life, he was truly a remarkable man. RIP **Dago 1%**. VFFV LVDV Viva Los Vagos

Hammond Says: I have known **Dago** since the mid-70's. I remember how excited he was when he got patched. Very sorry to see him go. Condolences to his friends, family & brothers. Rest in peace **Dago 1%er SOSMC**.

Puterindabasketchief Says: Another giant in this world gone too soon. Condolences to his Club, Brothers, family & friends. Ride in Peace.

Susie P Says: RIP sir. A true man Say hi to Fog for me. May you ride among the clouds & free forever.

Marine Rider Civvy Says: RIP **Dago 1%er...** Thanks for the music, the **BBB** newsletter & all of your contributions to our lifestyle. Condolences to Family, Friends & the SOS Nation.

Vagos Dago E.C. Says: Condolences to the Brothers, family & friends of **Dago**. Respect to those who have earned it, **Dago 1%er, Vagos MC**

Vader Says: Sincere condolences to **Dago's** family & his SOS brothers. I've spent many a night sitting around the fire drinking with my brothers listening to **Dago's** tunes coming from the CD player on my Prez's sled.

Keys 1% Says: R.I.P. Brother **Dago 1%er** – Perhaps we'll meet in the Forever Pack. I really dig what I read above & wish I'd have heard of ya sooner... Respect, **Keys 1% PMC**

Boom IMC 1%er Says: To all SOS Brothers deep sympathy for your loss... Your Brothers have shown a lot of support to one of our Brothers as he fights his way back after a serious crash on his sled... Sympathy & Respect to all his Brothers & Family.... Le Mie Condoglianze.... **Invader Boom 1%er**

BigV Says: **SOS Dago**, Unbreakable until the end. Listening to his music kept me from blowing my brains out more than a few times.

Gunny Says: Rest in peace brother your music will be missed

Steel Says: RIP **Dago**. My sincere condolences to the **SOS MC**.

His music has to be a club treasure. Respects, **Steel**

Barb Murfield Says: I felt privileged this man called me his friend. Will miss you **Dago**. Give my Love to Toe Knee. I am glad I was able to come & celebrate your life. Love & Respect **Dago**

Garry Huckfeldt Says: Remember the 1st time I met **Dago** it was at slick sully's in Marshalltown, Iowa. He was big part of a very special Brotherhood called the Sons Of Silence; Good people all of them... You will be missed **Dago 1%** in time we will met again RIP my friend

What Is A One Percenter? Written by Sons Of Silence **Dago 1%ER** on Jan 15, 2014 - - - *He is a Man who lives*, breaths, rides & dies for this life. He has No use for Society. He finds all He needs amongst his Brothers, His Family. He doesn't need a bunch of Criminal Politicians passing “Laws to keep Him safe”. He maintains His safety with hi Honor, His Word, His Reputation. His Word is His Bond. When He says He'll do something, you can count on it. His Reputation Precedes Him. He has shown & maintains His Trustworthiness. He know what Counts & Lives that way. He knows how to think, never settling for being told what to think.

He is a Man who Honors & values his Elder Brothers for Their Experience & Wisdom. He Treasures the Times when the older ones Open Up & Tell Their Stories, Knowing that One Day the Older Ones will all be Gone & the History of Who He is & Where He has come from is now His to Share with the Worthy Younger Brothers.

He never compromises His Brothers or His Colors. He doesn't talk shit behind their backs. You won't hear him try to assassinate

anyone's character. He doesn't lie. He avoids the melodrama so many citizens think they can't Live without, trying to Emulate their Heroes from Television.

He is a Man unto Himself. He is Free not only in his way of Life & His Actions, But in his Heart & Soul. He is comfortable in his own Skin. Having long ago learned to Love not only His Brothers, but Himself as well. When he believes in something, it is Absolute. He will tell you what He believes, should He choose to speak to you at all. He will fight for His Beliefs, If Necessary, He will die for them.

You will find No Duplicity within Him. He has No Hidden Agenda. Talking to Him will not expose you to any Hidden Dangers. He won't betray what He may learn about you for the favor of another.

He has Faith in the Strength of those He Rides with. He knows that the Strength of the Wolf is the Pack & the Strength of the Pack is the Wolf.

When One of His Own is in Need, He gives freely & with condition. **He Realizes his Name** is His Alone to Keep above Reproach, in the same way it is His Alone to Destroy Forever.

When you encounter such a Man, realize that only through these things, does He retain His Status as a One Percenter.

Search Results for: Dago – Mar 13, 2016 – WWW - James "Dago" Marchellino... Posted on Feb 25, 2016 by The Aging Rebel - Somebody you would have liked died Tuesday. James "Dago" Marchellino was a 36 year 11-month veteran of the Sons of Silence MC, a lover of life, a shrewd observer, an ex-convict, a singer of songs & sometimes an inspiration to those who knew him. He wrote: This centerpiece & rocker's from the family [...] Related posts: Charles Edward "The Kid" Hopke - Michael James "Pagan White Bear" Grayson - James Saville, Jr.

RIP Sons of Silence James "Dago" Marchellino 1%er – Feb 25, 2016 – *Iowa / Colorado* – By Insane Trottle; <http://InsaneThrottle.com> - World lost a dam fine Scooter Tramp RIP Sons of Silence James "Dago" Marchellino 1%er... James "Dago" Marchellino was a 36 year 11 month veteran of the Sons of Silence MC, a lover of life, a shrewd observer, an ex-convict, a singer of songs & sometimes an inspiration to those who knew him . (Source Aging Rebel)

James "Dago" Marchellino 9/17/57-2/24/16 – Feb 25, 2016 – *Iowa / Colorado* – By Rally Shows; www.RallyShows.com - James "Dago" Marchellino, a member of the Sons of Silence MC for over 36 years died Tue, Feb 23, 2016 at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, IA. Funeral Service for 58 year old James "Dago" Marchellino of Kimballton will be held at 2pm on Saturday, February 27 at the Hausbarn Conference Center in Manning. **Dago** passed away on Tuesday, February 23 at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines. He is survived by his wife, Dale Marchellino of Carroll; 2 daughters: Jami (Mark) Fite of Baseshore, KS & Megan Marchellino of Iowa City; & his Mother, Dorothy Hansen of Kimballton. The Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton is in charge of arrangements. Friends may call from 10am until time of service on Saturday at the Hausbarn Conference Center in Manning. Respects to the Aging Rebel for an excellent write up about his life. Read his article at: James "Dago" Marchellino

(Extracted from NCOM BBB Newsletter August Issue 2014)

History of the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter: The First Brother to receive the initial newsletter (not really a newsletter back then), was Sons Of Silence **Dago**. **Dago** transferred from Iowa to my Chapter in Minnesota. Shortly after moving to Minnesota & even before he changed his Iowa Rocker to Minnesota he found himself in a little hot water (Parole Violation). Being I am a Computer Analyst, friends would e-mail me jokes. Basically I printed some jokes off, dropped them into the mail to my new chapter Brother **Dago**. I figure if I could put a smile on his face for even a few seconds that was well worth a 33-cent stamp. Being as I was copy-n-pasting the jokes into a word document for printing & we had other **SOS MC** Brothers who found themselves on the wrong side of the bars, I simply printed copies of the jokes I was sending **Dago** for them too.

In fact I was coping-n-pasting so many jokes into word documents & mailing to all of the Sons Of Silence Members in prison, that one of the Brothers (Nick the Knife) sent me a letter & told me he was tired of jokes, would prefer me to write him a message or something. About that time an X-Bandidos **MC** member named Conn Ed (years later he authored a book titled "Out In Bad Standing") started to Emailing me Motorcycle Club related articles. This was long before there were any Biker News Websites. So I started coping-n-pasting these articles into the word document along with some jokes & mailed to the Brothers.

I also started looking for other Biker related articles now on the Internet, & include them too. Sometimes I would sign a Biker related website's guestbooks.

Dago was sent to a State Prison in St. Cloud, Minnesota, which is the city I live in. I would visit him once or twice a week. On one visit he told he just mailed me a poem he wrote, once I read I should let him know what I thought of it. Well, I myself was not much into reading poetry. The letter came to my house, I set it aside figuring when I was in the mood to read poetry I would open it & read it. I figured I wouldn't like it anyhow, & I knew I had to tell him the truth of what thought of his poem. I think subconsciously I was tiring to avoid hurting the last feeling he may have had... Each visit or each time he would call, at the end of the visit or call, he would ask, so how did you like the poem? I would respond, I will read it soon, I need to be in the proper frame of mind (figured I would have to get Drunk to read it) ... Well this went on for several weeks. **Dago** was starting to get a little upset & called me & Said: "**Open the fuckin Letter**". So I open & for the 1st time I read "SOS Family Memories". An extremely moving poem (Song) about My Club. Once I read, I could believe it. It brought a tear to my eye. I loved it. From that point on, I make a point to open every letter I get from a Brother Behind Bars in a timely manner. Sometimes I get behind on opening letters as I'm busy with the Club, Work, & other projects... But I try to open letters in a timely manner.

Dago was writing other songs also & started sending them out to me. I would include them in my mail which was the early start of the **BBB** Newsletter to the other Sons Of Silence Brothers. He got a job in the Prison Recording Studio, where he could record these songs. He had recorded 12 tracks & sent them out to me, where I found a back alley-recording studio that would do the final mix & burn CDs for reasonable price. The newsletter helped its first Brother get a profession, so once he got out, he had his music.

S.O.S. Family Memories: By Dago SFFS 1%ER

Harpo, Brian, Uncle Ben,
These were giants among men --
Might never see their kind again
But we've all grown because of them.

Bemis, Terry, In The Back,
Norby murdered by a crack
And P.K. gave his life one night
Doing what he knew was right.

That night outside the friendly tap
Chucker dying in my lap
Someone's knocking at the door
Eastman isn't here no more.

The road has asked for its share too.
It's where we live; it's what we do
And those it takes along the way
Remind us all to live today.

Looking further down the page
Natural causes & old age
I've seen the brightest lights wink out
But then I've seen some new ones sprout.

And others, only known to them
Chose the method, how & when
And though we'll never know the "Why"
They were sons until they died.

Lisa, Debbie, Cindy, too:
Sisters who have paid their dues
I've left a lot of others out
They're all remembered, that's no doubt.

A few got weak, they rolled & hid
I hope they pay for what they did
Like pigs they're living in their slime
While greater men are doing time.

So through the years & through the miles
Through the tears & all the smiles
Through the best times & the bad
Think about the lives we've had

And live today like it's your last
As it has been for others past
And know that we're the lucky ones:
Sons Forever, Forever Sons.

One day when we all have gone
And leave our young to carry on
We'll meet again when it gets dark:
"Donec Mors Non Separat"

For All S.O.S. Family, Living And Lost,
Yesterday Through Tomorrow.
With Love, **Dago SFFS USSA 1%ER**

Being interested in finding material for the newsletter, I surfed the web, viewing MC's web sites & putting info from these sites into my newsletter. I was viewing the Outlaws MC site. We recently establish a more cordial relation with them. I have heard

about Taco for many years & there was a link to his page. He was currently in prison & had a guest book for message. I simply put an entry on it, saying nice web site Mike SFFS with my e-mail address. Figuring last I would think about that. A few days later I got an e-mail from a man named Smitty from the Florida Outlaws MC. It simply said thanks for signing Taco Guestbook & he would like you to drop him a letter. His mailing address was on his web site, as I really did not have anything to say to Taco, so I figured I would print an extra copy of the newsletter I was sending my Brothers. Jokes & news article, nothing that was for SOS eyes only. Besides the mailrooms were all reading the Brother's mail, so it wasn't like I was including anything like secret messages. Thus was born the 1st Non SOS Club member to be added to my mailing list.

Shortly after that (Oct. 2004), my Brother Jason from Colorado Springs was released from prison. He had been getting the newsletter & sharing it with a Bandido & an Outlaw. Jason calls me & said the Bandido he was sharing his newsletter with was missing reading it. This Bandido named Neto helped Jason out when he arrived in Prison with new tooth brush, other toilets, & showed him the ropes, as this was Jason's first & only time in prison. Jason ask me; could I send him a copy? Of course Brother. Bandido Neto was the first Bandido added to the mailing list, & I believe the second non SOS member added. Over the years we've written each other, & one day when he is released, look forward to meeting him in person.

Then one day, my Brother Nomad Bronson, who has never been in prison, called me & asked if I would put his friend Pagan White Bear on my **BBB** Newsletter mailing list. Of course I would, as a Brother of mine was asking me to. White Bear was the first Pagan's MC member to be added to the mailing list. Over the years, with White Bear writing me & me writing him back to him, I got to know him some. And when he got out of prison, I had the opportunity to meet him in person & spend some time with him. And we became friends, his wife & my wife became friends, his son & my daughter became friends to. May White Bear 13 1% Rest In Peace. If my memory serves me correctly, I believe White Bear was the first non-SOS Club member who got the **BBB** newsletter in prison, that I met in person once he was released.

Over time, I would get letters from Brother from other clubs that had access to the newsletter either from a SOS Member, Outlaw Taco, Bandido Neto, or Pagan White Bear explaining how they were transferred from a prison where a SOS Member, Taco, Neto, or White Bear was, & they were sharing the newsletter with them. I would contact the club that this member was in & verify that he were in good standings with their Club before added to the newsletter mailing list to. Thus establishing my Club Contacts for the newsletters. Those Clubs I couldn't make e-mail contact with, I would contact one of my Brothers who was most likely to know or have contact with & set me up with a club contact. So basically this has been a joint effort.

Over the years to, I've gotten to become friends with members of other MCs. Example Hells Angel South Side Billy & I became friends along with his wife & my wife. South Side Billy was my contact with the Hells Angels MC, he would verify any of his Club Brothers that wanted the **BBB** Newsletter sent to them. May South Side Billy 1%er Rest In Peace.

Without MC members from the many Clubs that get the **BBB** Newsletter in prison; the **BBB** Newsletter probably would have ceased to exist... I've gotten many letters from guys in prison saying they are in their **MC** in Good Standings only to find out thru his Club Contact that the letter writer was a P.O.S. – Snitch...

At the 2005 NCOM Convention, I approached Joey Lester & showed him copies of the recent newsletters, & asked if **NCOM** would be a sponsor of it... Joey & Richard reviewed things & became the primary Sponsor as they still are today. More than looking for their money, I was looking at them to be the main sponsor, then under the **NCOM** umbrella, Hopefully Club Politics would Not be any part of the **BBB** Newsletter. And fortunately, Club Politics Never has been an issue. With **NCOM** being the main sponsor, this is one way **NCOM** gives back to the Motorcycle Club World – Thank You...!!!

Over the years, others have offered to help sponsor the Brothers Behind Bars Newsletters. As the **BBB** Newsletter could not have grown with all of these Sponsors. I'm very grateful that to the Sponsors, as without them, the Newsletter could have never grown to the volume it is. In fact without the Sponsors, the Newsletter would have probably ceased to exist. I would especially like to **Thank** the Sons Of Silence **MC** North Dakota Chapters for all the Help they have been over the years with the **BBB** Newsletter.

There are many more **BBB** Newsletter related items I could talk about, But I've already rambled on enough... Love & Respect, Mike **NCOM** Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Editor.

As Freeman, we fear no one or no-thing. If we should sacrifice for that lack of 'conformity', or pay a price for comporting ourselves in a 'normal' manner, then we are the better because of it. Love & respect, Crazy 1%ER SFFS

Self-Test Of Personal Liberty: Am I, Or Have I Not Engaged In Any Activity I Would Otherwise Consider Normal Because Of Fear Of Consequences Of Society Or Gov't...? If So, I Am No Longer Free... SFFS **Dago** 1%ER USSA

I wrote this in honor of my Dad – March 13, 2016 – *Iowa / Kansas / Colorado* - Written by Jami Leigh; Jami's Facebook Page - The truth behind the man... To those who didn't know him, he was intimidating & unapproachable. This was partially due to his size, & deep scratchy voice. But the ones who actually knew him, loved him. If you spent just 10 minutes with him, he would have either inspired you or made you laugh. It's been said that he will always be a legend, & a giant amongst men. He was the entire meaning of Brotherhood, & loyalty. He was known for his not so subtle ways of getting his point across, but also for his amazing way with words. James "**Dago**" Marchellino was known by many things, but to me he was only known as Dad. I want to set the record straight about him. Recently, an article was written that I felt was full of discrimination & ignorance. It was an outsiders view of a lifestyle that you only understand if you live it. Was he perfect? No, not by any means. However, I'm sure he would argue that fact being as how he had a tattoo that read "I'm perfect, you suck". And yes, he had a criminal history (Hence the name of his band- **Dago** & Criminal History). But by the last time he was released from prison, he wasn't the same man as he was when he went in. He had bettered himself. It's like the light that was once so dim, was finally shining like a beacon for all to see. He had found music. And he had plenty of things to write about.

Although his past is full of rocky stories & police reports, there was so much more to the man known as **Dago** that people seem to overlook. Even though he had many sides, he was always one man. You could bet your ass he was always genuine with his words, his feelings, & his thoughts. Those who took the time to listen, were fortunate enough to learn from him. He had seen & done it all, & had many stories to tell. Stories of regret, sacrifice, & Brotherhood. One of the greatest things he was known for, was his 37 years as a Brother in the Sons of Silence Motorcycle Club. His life was all about being in the club. He truly knew no other way to live. He may have worn a diamond on his heart, but he was a 1%ER to the bone. He didn't choose the biker lifestyle, it chose him. And he lived every day as such. He was a Lifer. His music tells all about his love for the club. For Brothers who went before him, his life on the road, love that was lost & love that was found. If ever you wanted to get inside his head, all you needed to do was put in his CD, & just listen.

My Dad was a genius. Even though sometimes you would never know it by his actions, he was a very intelligent man with an IQ around 180. He had a gift when it came to music. He taught himself how to play the keyboard & guitar. He could pick up an instrument that he had never played before, & within 20 minutes record a song with it. He even taught himself how to write music, & it was always on his mind. He carried a pen & paper everywhere he went so he could write down lyrics that would come to his head. It didn't matter where he was when he would think of something. If he felt it was song quality, it got written down. Even if it meant stopping traffic for a brief minute to do so.

In 2004, my Dad suffered a tremendous loss when his biological brother Tony Lange Marchellino passed away. After he died, my Dad was never the same. Tony was always there to make sure he was taking care of himself, & trying to keep him in line. He was my Dad's voice of reason, his little Brother, & his best friend. While recording the song "Losing a Light" that he wrote for Tony, he had tears running down his face as he tried to sing his way through it. He was never ashamed to show his true emotion. Even if it meant crying in front of other grown men. It was part of who he was.

I saw that side of him a lot. The gentle side. The side that sat up all night with me talking about everything under the sun. It was during those times, that our relationship grew into what it was. I got to know the real him. Many times, he would cry & tell me "I am so sorry for not being there. I am so sorry". No, he was not the perfect Dad, but he was & always will be my only Dad. I knew he was sorry, & I forgave him. He tried, & he loved me. He told me all the time. That's good enough in my book. A few years back, my Dad's world was rocked once again when he lost his ability to ride his motorcycle, or play his music due to health issues. He was no longer able to control his bike, or hold it up. He fell into a deep depression, because it was as though he had lost his freedom. In his mind, it was like being back in prison. He was a biker who couldn't ride. That alone was devastating. But just as family does, his Brothers pulled through for him. They took his bike, & installed a side car. Again, his light shined. He had his freedom back, & there was no way for him to hide how he felt. You could see it just by looking at him. He had a smile from ear to ear as he was once again back on the road.

Another hobby of my Dad's, was collecting rocks. By the time of his passing, he had enough rocks to pave his driveway. While his body was being passed down the row of his Brothers in the casket, you could hear rocks clanking around inside. He wouldn't have wanted it any other way. He was also very inventive. He once made a hotdog cooker out of a 2X4, & nails. It worked really well! And then there were the moments when he wanted to be experimental. Several years ago, I got a call from him while he was driving down a highway in Colorado to head to the Denver Swap meet. It was pitch dark out, & he was driving without his headlights on. Why? Because he was using his night vision goggles to see. I was told I really needed to try it.

Many people (outsiders) look at motorcycle clubs & assume the worst. They cast a judgment upon these men. That no matter what they do, it will end badly. I guess it's easy to think that when you never take the time to look past the tattoos & scruffy faces. It's like I once heard "Sometimes the nicest people you meet are covered in tattoos, & sometimes the most judgmental people you meet go to church every Sunday". This story is just a small portion about the man. After his passing, I was told by numerous people that he saved them. He was their inspiration, even if he didn't know it. Many of his Brothers looked up to him, & admired him. The lucky ones spent their time learning & laughing with him. To some, he was just an Ex con with a past. But to his Brothers, he was a legend. He is the reason some of them are now in the club. He only knew one life, & he lived it just that way. If you ask his wife, he was her soul mate. Her everything. Of course they had their issues, but at the time of his passing they were more in love than they ever had been. He loved her with every ounce of his soul, & he was a better man because of her.

If you ask his Mother, he was her first child. Sometimes spoiled, but sometimes rotten. He was her rock after Tony passed away. He loved his Mother, & respected her. Even the Brothers in the club have always called her Mom. She now has a huge piece of her heart that will never be the same. No parent should ever have to bury their child, let alone 2 of them. And if you were to ask me, I would tell you I lost my hero. The man I was named after. To me, he was Superman. Invincible, Unbreakable, Unstoppable. I still have yet to come to terms with his passing. I don't want to accept the truth. That my Superman is no more.

In the end the lives we touch, tell the measure of the man. **Dago**

He Might Be Gone; But He Still Lives On Today... **Dago**

James "Dago" Marchellino 9/17/57-2/24/16 – Feb 25, 2016 – Iowa / Colorado – By www.BikerTrashNetwork.com - James "Dago" Marchellino, a member of the Sons of Silence MC for over 36 years died Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, IA. Funeral Service for 58-year-old James "Dago" Marchellino of Kimballton will be held at 2pm on Saturday, February 27 at the Hausbarn Conference Center in Manning. **Dago** passed away on Tue, Feb 23 at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines. He is survived by his wife, Dale Marchellino of Carroll; 2 daughters: Jami (Mark) Fite of Baseshore, KS & Megan Marchellino of Iowa City; & his Mother, Dorothy Hansen of Kimballton. The Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton is in charge of arrangements. Friends may call from 10am until time of service on Saturday at the Hausbarn Conference Center in Manning. Respects to the Aging Rebel for an excellent write up about his life. Read his article at: James "**Dago**" Marchellino. **Page 8**

Just a Ride... By James M. "**Dago SFFS**" Marchellino
There ain't no easy answers - I discover as I go in the things I take for granted - In the things I'll never know I'm still torn between the right & wrong, the brightest lights burn half as long, it seems Through addiction & subtraction, the cost in wasted time & broken dreams.... Like others gone before me - there's the ones I've left behind. All the treasures I've abandoned, seeking things I'll never find I drift across these stormy seas, `til I'm finally washed up on the sand.... `cause for me too much just ain't enough, but a lot of times it's more than I can stand.... I try to make some sense out of these thoughts inside my head, All the things that keep me up at night while I'm lying in my bed I eat & sleep, I work & play, I smoke & drink & fight, I fuck & ride.... Just to feed the hungers that I feel & calm the wild things that live inside.... Sometimes my head is empty - Sometimes my heart is full. I just abide & wait the tide that cycles through my soul & when the muses speak to me The music & the words come rushing in.... Then the writer in this rider Tunes it up & lays it down & starts again.... (Bridge) I am just a passenger, & life is just a ride. A pilgrimage from dark to light - across a great divide. And so I try the best I can - to face my trouble like a man & I do.... And when it all becomes too much & I need to feel a gentle touch - it's you.... Yeah, when it all becomes too much & I need to feel a gentle touch - it's you! **NoNames** - April 2010 - USA - Press Release - Inspired by true events, **NoNames** follows Kevin & his family of friends as they struggle within the confines of a small town. After his mother's death, Kevin decides to make a life for himself in his childhood home in spite of his father's decision to move. In the wake of tragedy, Kevin must end his extended adolescence or lose the things he holds most dear. Haunted by unsettled scores, it becomes clear that he must leave the town he loves in order to save himself from it. A new beginning is only a bus ride away. Sons Of Silence **Dago** will have 2 of his Songs in the Movie... Original Music by Takeshi Furukawa - Additional Tracks:

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| 01. "Moons & Stars" | by Big on Sleep |
| 02. "Too Young " | by Joe Purdy |
| 03. "I've Got a Secret" | by Kilroy |
| 04. "Share the Love" | by Deep Water Reunion |
| 05. "Grind My Bones" | by Dan Hopman |
| 06. "Don't Look Away" | by The Floating Men |
| 07. "Water is Wide" | by Dan Hopman |
| 08. "Lay Me My Money Down" | by White Iron Band |
| 09. "We'll Get High" | by Ronnie Hayward |
| 10. "Devil's Gonna Win" | by White Iron Band |
| 11. "Shake Em Down" | by Kilroy |
| 12. "Georgia" | by Jackie Greene |
| 13. " Throw Me a Line " | <u>by Dago</u> |
| 14. "Crazy Mother F*ckers" | by Wolf Ruffin |
| 15. "I Don't Like it" | by Ronnie Hayward |
| 16. "When I Get Back" | by Sons of William |
| 17. " Hey Ho " | <u>by Dago</u> |
| 18. "Asked You Twice" | by The Alternate Routes |
| 19. "Sweet as the Grain" | by The John Henrys |
| 20. "Falling Back" | by Jackie Greene |
| 21. "She's a Rail" | by Dan Hopman &
Chad Krzmarzick |
| 22. "Some of These Days" | by Sons of William |
| 23. "Like the Stars" | by New Kentucky |

Quarter Shot on location in Central Wisconsin, NoNames, focuses on this particular group of friends & their experiences growing up together while painting a subtle picture of the small town life dealing with topical issues of job loss & what's at stake if they

don't change their direction. "Throw Me a Line" And "Hey Ho"
Written by J.M. **Dago** Marchellino Performed by **Dago** &
Criminal History Published by **Dago** Music Website:
<http://www.dagomusic.com> ... Throw Me A Line... By James M.
"Dago SFFS" Marchellino Throw me a line, 'cause I'm sinking.
I've been drinking & I'm going down slow. I wanna get high &
stop thinking 'bout this hole in my heart. Baby, where did you go?
I keep thinking of all the time that we spent side-by-side. I guess I
believed that it never would end, that you'd always be here, we'd
be lovers & friends. Through the good & the bad, I knew I could
depend. On your smile & your heart to carry me through. So
Throw me a line, 'cause I'm sinking. I've been drinking & I'm
going down slow. I wanna get high & stop thinking 'bout this hole
in my heart. Baby, where did you go? The house was too quiet
when I got home that day, Then the knock on the door & the look
on their face, And my world fell away as it started to rain. . . . Now
our pictures all haunt me like the rose from your grave, And the
pain never stops. It just won't go away, But I'm knockin' it down,
here, at our favorite place. Throw me a line, 'cause I'm sinking.
I've been drinking & I'm going down slow. I wanna get high &
stop thinking 'bout that hole in my heart. Baby, where did you go?
(Where did you go, baby?) . . . (Bridge)... So Cut me some lines
out, cause I'm sinking. I'm gonna keep drinking & going down
slow. I wanna get real high & try to stop thinking 'bout this hole
in my heart Babe, I'm missing you so. . . Sons Of Silence J.W.'s
theory to playing Pool: "Hit 'em like ya' live, fast & hard!" ...

(Full Circle) ... Kids coming in for all the wrong reasons,
growing pains, & passing seasons. We watch our heroes thrive,
age, & die. Somewhere along the line we awaken And see with
new understanding.

The years, life, And times have changed us. We realize what this
life really is. Far better than we ever dreamed it could be. We
find ourselves looking through the eyes of the ones we once so as
Giants.

Their passing has forced us to fill their shoes. Their lessons leave
us up to the task. We've graduated with flying colors; We've
come full circle.

We watch the new blood coming in... For all the wrong reasons...
Words of **Dago** 1% ER SFFS USSA . . . Posted by Pork Chop
1% ER SFFS I love you Brother. Rest In Peace.

Interment Of Sons Of Silence Dago was on Friday, March 4,
2016 at 3:00 PM in the Elmwood Cemetery, 14800 Old Brighton
Road; Brighton, Colorado...

Editor's Update (Items 8 & 9): Just got a Leather Belt – Size 38
– With "COC" on the Belt Buckle – WACO on the back – GBNF
on both sides. Leather Belt made & donated by Avenger Pork
Chop... Got a Lyon oil painting donated by Sons Of Silence
Supporter Kolby. I didn't have time to get pictures, so these 2
will be in the next issue... Thank you Pork Chop & Kolby.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes 5 years in a row.

Got Good News: Just saved a bunch of money
on my insurance by outrunning the cops...

Legend By James M. "Dago" Marchellino - Dec20, 2001

Verse 1: Skid marks on a highway,
Chrome & blood on the stone,
A legend lays dying,
In the night all alone.
No one sees his passing,
No one feels his pain.
His ragged breath gives way to death,
As Freya calls his name.

Verse 2: The news comes like the winter sun,
With it's empty distant light.
His women cry, his brothers sigh,
As they bid their friend goodnight.
Thinking back to better days,
And to things that might have been.
They lay him down in their hallowed ground,
Where the fallen wait for him.

Chorus: He was a man of action, A man of deeds,
The kind of man that you try to be, He spoke the truth,
And he pulled the weeds, He found along the way,
He might be gone, But he still lives on Today

Verse 3: We spend our days & we make our ways,
Never knowing where they lead
Things change in the blink of an eye,
With an almost lightning speed.
We live & learn or we crash & burn,
When the flames of fate are fanned,
And in the end the lives we touch,
Tell the measure of the man

(Chorus)

Verse 4: So I'm heading out on the highway,
In the night all alone.
Don't know just where I'm going yet,
Don't know when I'll be home.
I just know I've got miles to travel,
And I've got some tales to tell
I don't know where this life may lead,
I'll do my best & live it well.

Chorus: He was a man of action, A man of deeds.
The kind of man that you try to be, He spoke the truth.
And He pulled the weeds, He found along the way.
He might be gone, But he still lives on today.

Chorus: He was a man of action, A man of deeds.
The kind of man you're Supposed to be.
He spoke the truth & He sowed some seeds,
That grew along the way. He might be gone,
But he still lives on today. Yeah he might be gone,
But he still lives on Today...

New Disney movie canceled: Al Sharpton reported today that
Walt Disney's new film called "Jet Black" the African-American
version of "Snow White" has been canceled. All 7 dwarfs:
Dealer, Stealer, Mugger, Forger, Drive By, Homeboy, & Shank
have refused to sing "Hi Ho" because they say it offends black
prostitutes. They also say they damn sure have no intention of
singing, "It's off to work we go."

Bandido Butch 1ster R.I.P. – Jan 23, 2016 – *South Dakota* – By www.CrawfordFuneralChapel.com - David L. “Butch” Roth, age 51, of Watertown, SD, passed away on Sat, Jan 23, 2016, at his residence. A Celebration of Life will be at 2:00 p.m. on Mon, Feb 1, 2016, at-- the VFW, 521 1st St. W., in Webster, SD. Visitation will be at Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel in Watertown on Sun from 2 to 5 p.m. Burial will be at Webster Cemetery, Webster, SD. Military graveside honors will be conducted by the U.S. Air Force Funeral Honors Team. Honorary pallbearers will be all of his club brothers in the Bandido Nation. Active pallbearers will be Ron “Cavey” Nokes, Joe Williams, Tyler “Digger” Gehm, Jim “Hound” Erb, Jason “Gordo” Sermenon, Jeremy Wright, Randy “Jughead” Jorgens, Arlie “Buck” Larson, Mike “Smiley” Lynn & Rudy Rudebusch.

Butch was born on Sept 15, 1964, in Minneapolis, MN. He graduated from Webster High School in 1982. He enlisted in the Air Force & served as a crew chief on a KC135. Butch was honorably discharged & then attended LAVTI in Watertown. Over the past thirty years, Butch drove truck for several area trucking companies, most recently Cross Country Freight Solutions. On Sept 26, 2003, Butch married Amy Gaede at the Franklin Hotel in Deadwood, SD. They have resided in Watertown since. Butch was involved with several MCs over the years, beginning with the Clark County Riders, the Hermanos & currently the Bandidos, where he was a charter member of the South Dakota East River Chapter for almost 15 years. Some of Butch’s best times were spent with his brothers riding to club events across the country. Butch lived life on his own terms. He said what he meant & meant what he said. He had a big presence & left an impression on everyone he met. He was happiest riding bike, sitting in his recliner with his puppies, Didi & Pedro, tinkering in the garage or relaxing for hours by a big fire at his lake lot on Blue Dog...in silence. One of the things that will be most missed about Butch was the way he could tell a story. He had a way of bringing stories to life & drawing everyone in. Butch may have had a tough exterior, but anyone who really knew him, knew that he was extremely compassionate, caring & protective, especially of his family & friends. He was also extremely proud of his stepson, Evan, not hesitating to tell everyone about his accomplishments. Butch is survived by his wife, Amy, of Watertown; his stepson, Evan Otto, of Colorado Springs, CO; his mother, Patricia (Gerdes) Roth, of Webster, SD; one “brother”, Ron “Cavey” Nokes, of Tooele, UT; one “sister”, Margaret (Kurt) Holkestad, of Bristol, SD; 2 nieces: Alysa (Bryan) Renfrow & Keeley Eberhart; one great-niece, Janessa Renfrow; one uncle, Don Gerdes; one God-daughter, Shala Larson; his father-in-law & mother-in-law, Bruce & Kathleen Gaede, of Watertown; one sister-in-law, Kristi (Corey) Eberhart, of Java, SD; & one brother-in-law, Jesse (Andrea Pulscher) Gaede, of Pierre, SD. He was preceded in death by his father, several aunts & uncles, & many club brothers.

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Biker Newsbytes: Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, NCOM

New Year Brings New Legislation: Along with the new year comes an onslaught of new legislation, as new legislative sessions

across the nation consider a myriad of motorcycle laws such as helmet legislation in Arizona that would charge riders a fee to ride without one. Prefiled on Jan 6, 2016, H.B. 2052 introduced by State Representative Dr. Randall Friese (D-Tucson) would modify their Under-18 helmet law to read; “An operator or passenger of a motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle or motor driven cycle who is at least 18 years of age is exempt from the helmet requirement if the owner pays a (as yet undetermined) fee when registering their vehicle.” “A person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of \$ 500.00,” & a ‘portion’ of the fees collected from the pay-to-play p-pot plot would be “deposited in the Spinal & Head Injuries Trust Fund.” Meanwhile, in Indiana S.B. 157 would “eliminate the portion of the motorcycle registration fee that is currently distributed to the spinal cord & brain injury fund.” Missouri is considering numerous motorcycle-related bills, including 7 helmet bills; one would repeal the law for anyone 18 or over (HB1663), another would exempt motorcyclists 21 or older from wearing a helmet if they have appropriate health insurance coverage (HB1464), one “Prohibits LE from stopping a motorcycle for failing to wear protective headgear” (HB1957), while (HB1371) treats the infraction as a secondary offense, requiring another reason to pull a rider over, & 4 separate bills concern autocycles & primarily exempts certain operators of motorcycles & motortricycles from wearing protective headgear (SB659, SB694, SB851 & SB1732). Three-wheelers are of concern in several states, as legislatures struggle with defining & regulating “autocycles,” & in Kansas House Bill 2436 would allow persons to take a motorcycle license driving exam on a 3-wheeled motorcycle & would restrict such licenses to trikes. In New Hampshire, as in some other states, the state legislature will consider HB 1308 to allow motorcycles to travel between lanes of traffic in certain instances, a.k.a., lane-splitting. HB1347 would “establish a committee to study sharing the road with bicycles & motorcycles.” Also in the Granite State, Senator Andrew Hosmer, a Democrat from Laconia, has introduced SB 360 to repeal the statute restricting handlebar height & legalize so-called “ape-hangers”. New Hampshire is currently among more than 30 states that limit the height of motorcycle handlebars. Since 1967, existing statute prohibits handlebar grips “higher than the shoulder level of the driver when in the seat or saddle” & also prohibits riding a motorcycle with “improvised, defective, or repaired handlebars.” “I applaud Senator Hosmer for sponsoring this bill,” said Charlie St. Clair, executive director of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association. “I have never heard the height of handlebars presented as a safety issue,” he told the Laconia Daily Sun. “There is no history of accidents caused by high bars.” Without a Fed standard, the regulation of handlebars on motorcycles rests with the states. Currently, 12 states limit the height of handlebars to 15 inches above the saddle. 5 others require the handlebars to be below the height of the shoulder. Last summer, South Dakota, which hosts the annual Sturgis Rally became the most recent state to repeal its shoulder level statute.

Share What’s Happening in Your State: “At our annual NCOM board meeting in Nov, the board discussed what information would be beneficial to share with attendees at our annual NCOM Convention in May,” says NCOM Board & Legislative Task Force member Annette Torrez, who is also chair of the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization, adding that “We decided on a session on state legislative victories & defeats. We all face similar & different issues in each state during our legislative sessions, & by sharing the outcomes on bills that were

sponsored, passed, failed & the details, we can learn from each other. By the sharing of information, we may be able to advance many of the same victories or avoid the pitfalls faced.” The National Coalition of Motorcyclists welcomes your input, & encourages you to share your information with Annette Torrez at atorrez2@msn.com (505) 730-0435 and/or NCOM Board Member John Bilotta, also Operations Dir of ABATE of Virginia, at ABATEregion3@yahoo.com. The 31st annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother’s Day weekend, May 5-8, 2016 at Harrah’s Resort, located at 777 Harrah’s Blvd in Atlantic City, New Jersey, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$109 by calling (888) 516-2215. To pre-register for the 2016 NCOM Convention, contact the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

NCOM Conference Convenes in Unity, Cooperation & Respect: The chill air in Kansas City, Missouri reverberated with the thunder of dozens of motorcycles as riders from a 6-state area converged on the Holiday Inn KCI Airport Nov 21, 2015 for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Region 2 Conference, which comprises Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska & Iowa. This year, the Conference was hosted by the newly-formed Missouri Confederation Of Clubs & Independents, & chaired by NCOM Region 2 Co-Directors “Tiger Mike” Revere, President of Central OK District ABATE & Liaison to the Oklahoma Confederation Of Clubs, & Tony Shepherd of ABATE of Missouri. Following is a conference report submitted by Tiger Mike: “Riders from the Region 2 member states were both excited & thirsty for information on important issues, especially hoping for an update on the horrific Waco, TX event of May, 2015. Bikers were also apprehensive about whether the Waco tragedy might negatively impact attendance. As it turned out, the opposite was true, featuring a standing-room only crowd! The Conference convened off with “Tiger Mike” Revere & Tony Shepherd, NCOM Region 2 Directors, welcoming attendees & addressing “Freedom of the Road throughout the Nation”, followed by NCOM Executive Coordinator “Sarge” Matthews covering “Discrimination among Ourselves/Outlawing our Existence as We Know It”. NCOM Attorney Joey Lester covered Court Case Updates, including judicial victories regarding “No-Colors” Policies at Fairgrounds where Bikers are ejected because of their Patch Insignia. After lunch, attendees participated in a forum dealing with “The Tragedy of Waco”, featuring Joey Lester, TXCOC&I Chairman “Gimme Jimmy”, & Louie Nobs & Dwayne Gryder from NCOM Christian Unity. A lot of accurate updates were shared to combat the disinformation advanced by the Media & LE, & the program to raise funds to assist Waco Victims & their families was outlined. Go to www.onabike.com & contact NCOM Christian Unity for more information. NCOM Christian Unity Texas will be getting a Special Award for their hard work at this year’s NCOM Convention in Atlantic City, & Christian Unity Liaison to the NCOM Board Louie Nobs is receiving the 2016 Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award for his considerable efforts on behalf of Bikers everywhere over a lot of years. Also featured at the Conference was “Gimme Jimmy” talking about the importance of the U.S. Defenders Program in the light of the Waco shootings; & “Double-D” & “Twitch” from the Washington Confederation of Clubs, who spoke on “Anti-Profiling Laws & How they Affect your State”. This was an important topic, since several COCs are very interested in getting this type of legislation passed in their states. The Conference continued with the Regional Meeting, where Motorcycling Rights representatives

spoke of Legislative & Legal Issues in their respective areas; & the Confederation of Clubs Regional Meeting, where COC Officers & representatives in attendance spoke of legal & lifestyle challenges & accomplishments. The NCOM Regional Conference concluded with the Christian Unity Seminar & Meeting for spiritual riding groups, & following the Spiritual Service & Blessing of the Bikes on Sunday Morning, riders went their separate ways refreshed, informed & resolved to vigorously continue the defense of Biker Liberty into the New Year.”

More Airbag Bikes Coming: While automotive airbags first appeared in the 1970s, it took decades for the technology to spread to motorcycles, & now ten years after the introduction of Honda’s airbag-equipped Gold Wing comes another airbagger from the Japanese giant. While the Gold Wing remains the only bike currently on the market equipped with airbag technology, Honda’s latest inflatable is revealed in a new patent & demonstrated with an airbag fitted to the firm’s NC750S, which isn’t sold in the U.S. marketplace. The main difference from the Gold Wing bag is the shape & size, with the new design gaining a long, vertical extension above the balloon-shaped main part of the airbag to help counter the fact that most bikes will pitch forward in a frontal collision, throwing the rider upward as well as straight ahead. The idea is that the lower part of the airbag will cushion the rider’s chest & stomach, slowing him down before his head impacts the extended upper section. As on the Gold Wing, the new system is specifically aimed at frontal impacts & is therefore triggered by a sensor in the bottom of the fork. Highsides, lowsides, or any other accident where the impact is not directly from the front will not engage the airbag system. Although airbags are never likely to be as effective on bikes as they are in the confined space of a car, where drivers can be surrounded by them on all sides; Honda hopes that the combination of modern safety gear, including airbag-equipped leathers & airbags fitted to bikes themselves, will hold some promise of reduced injuries in the future.

E-Motorcycle Tax Credit Reinstated & Retroactive: The E-motorcycle Fed Tax Credit, also known as the 2-wheeled plug-in tax credit for electric motorcycles, was included in the “last minute” tax extenders bill approved by Congress & signed into law by President Obama on Dec 18, 2015. It covers 10% of the purchase price up to a maximum of \$2,500, with an additional tax credit approved which covers electric motorcycle chargers with a 30% tax credit up to \$1,000. The credit only applies to street legal motorcycles that can go over 45 mph. The Fed tax credits are available in all 50 US states & apply to electric motorcycles & EV chargers purchased in both 2015 (retroactive) & 2016.

Motorcycle Theft Statistics: The National Insurance Crime Bureau has released its latest bike theft report, & while much of their annual report is predictable, such as most thefts occur in the summer, some statistics reveal some interesting nuggets of information: Nationally, the NICB’s “2014 United States Theft & Recovery report for 2014 & 2015” is better than in 2013. There were 42,856 motorcycle thefts recorded in 2014 (17,757, or 41% of motorcycles were recovered) which is a 6% decrease from the year prior. Considering motorcycle sales have increased 4% from 2013 (465,783) to 2014 (483,526), this is good news. The number of thefts decreased is a sign of steady decline in motorcycle thefts since 2011, with 8% fewer thefts in 2014 compared to 3 years prior. The top 3 states for motorcycle theft last year were California (6,355), Florida (3,981), & Texas (3,274). The state with the fewest thefts was Wyoming, with a total of 23 last year.

There are 16 states that saw an increase in the number of motorcycle thefts in 2014 compared to 2013, with DC having the highest increase (54%). There are 35 states that saw a decrease in the number of motorcycle thefts in 2014 compared to 2013, with Wyoming having the highest decrease (-43%).

Weird News: Rider Learns Hard Lesson in Jurisprudence: A Calif man who lost a lawsuit over an erection has had his hopes for justice deflated once again, as a state appeals court in San Francisco affirmed an earlier judgment against him in a 2012 suit he brought against 2 motorcycling companies. The plaintiff biker claimed an acute case of priapism, or painfully prolonged erection, due to seat vibrations, & sued both BMW & seat maker Corbin for product liability seeking damages due to negligence & infliction of emotional distress. The biker lost his case but decided to appeal, which turned out to be a big mistake, as the appellate court ruled that he failed to demonstrate any new intelligible argument & failed to comply with the rules of appellate procedure & ordered him to pay the defendants' costs on appeal, a sum likely to be in the tens of thousands of dollars.

Quotable Quote: "If it can be destroyed by the truth, it deserves to be destroyed by the truth." - Carl Sagan (1934-1996) astronomer & author

Lake Chapter Biker Day at the Capital – Feb 2016 – *Minnesota* – By **ABATE** of Minnesota – www.ABATEMN.org - Members & Friends of Lake Chapter. The next Legislative Session here in Minnesota starts in just a couple of weeks on March 8, & even though the State Capitol is still under restoration, we're holding a Lake Chapter Biker Day! Lake Chapter Biker Day will be on Wed., March 16. This is your chance to have a little one-on-one with your State Representative & your State Senator to let them know that we bikers matter. There are a lot of issues that we need to make sure our legislators know about. From insurance attacks to profiling to motorcycle awareness license plates, it's up to us to hold the Legislature accountable. What do we need? Your commitment to attend! Just reply to this email that you can attend, & include your zip code, & we'll take care of all the rest. We'll set up your appointment with your legislators. We'll prepare talking points for you. We'll even set up a post-Biker Day celebration at the Gopher Bar in St. Paul afterwards. If you can attend, please let us know as soon as possible. Email us with your name & zip code, & we'll let you know when we have finalized plans. Mike Berger; Lake Chapter V.P.

4 Hells Angels indicted on weapons, drug charges - Jan 26, 2016 - *New Jersey* - By Emily Cummins; www.NJ.com - 4 alleged members of the Hells Angels MC have been indicted on charges stemming from an "End of Summer Bash" hosted by the club's Newark chapter at an unnamed Clinton Township restaurant in Aug. Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony Kearns & Chief of Detectives John Kuczynski announced in a press release Tue that a Hunterdon County Grand Jury returned 3 separate indictments on Dec. 3. On Aug. 22, 2015, LE officials reportedly observed multiple individuals loading large knives, machetes & other weapons into the trunk of a silver Chevy Malibu sedan bearing an AZ license plate in the restaurant parking lot, the release states. Several of these individuals were also seen carrying concealed weapons, according to Kearns. Clinton Township PD then conducted a motor vehicle stop & arrested Rocco Gullatta of Aurora, OH, Kerry Kester of Massillon, OH, Joshua Woods of Akron, OH & Justin Morris of Canton, OH.

Biker gang fight leads to stabbing on Rosedale Hwy; victim has major injuries – Jan 26, 2016 – *California* - By Cris Ornelas; www.KGET.com - Two rival biker gangs fought in the intersection of Rosedale Hwy & Calloway Drive Tue afternoon, according to Bakersfield police. One man was stabbed in a truck at the intersection & another was dragged by that truck, police said. The stabbing patient has major injuries & was taken to Kern Medical, according to BPD. Police said the person who was drug by the truck was taken to Mercy Southwest with moderate injuries. Someone called police to report a fight between Mongols & Hells Angels MC about 2:52 p.m. Tue. Eastbound Rosedale is closed & Bakersfield police are asking people to avoid the area.

Colorado Motorcycle Expo Shooting: 5 Fast Facts You Need to Know – Jan 30, 2016 – *Colorado* – By Stephanie Dube Dwilson; <http://heavy.com> - Multiple shootings & a stabbing took place near the Denver Coliseum at the National Western Complex. The altercation happened during the Colorado Motorcycle Expo, between 2 biker clubs, 9 News reported. At least 1 person died, according to the Denver PD. Here's what we know so far.

1. **The Shooting And Stabbing** Occurred During the Colorado Motorcycle Expo - The shooting took place near 46th & Humboldt in Denver. The shooting & stabbing occurred on Saturday afternoon at East 46th Avenue & Humboldt Street, near the Colorado Motorcycle Expo, according to BNO News. Early media reports placed the incident at the Denver Coliseum, which was not accurate. Below is an interview Fox 31 had with one person who was at the Denver bike show:

2. **At Least One Person Died** & Multiple People Were Injured... Denver Police confirmed that one person died & 7 others were injured during the fight at the National Western Complex. Four people were shot, including the person who died, 9 News reported. For a while, the Denver Health Emergency Dept was on lockdown. There was heavy police presence outside Denver Health since the injured were transported there: Three patients were in critical condition, 9 News reported.

3. **Officials Have Not Said** Yet Who Was Involved... As often happens during events like these, details are coming in slowly. Officials have not yet said who was involved or what sparked the incident. NBC reported that the altercation may have been caused by a fight between The Mongols & the IO biker gangs, with 2 people from each gang being in the hospital. Denver7 disputed this report, saying that police weren't officially saying if it was gang related, but their reporters were hearing of at least 4 motorcycle gangs with people in the hospital. Later, 9 News reported that the fight was mostly among members of MCs, but whether they were local or out-of-town members wasn't known. One source told 9 News that one of the 2 clubs had LE among its members & the other was listed as a "major gang" by the FBI. A reporter from Fox 31 said that police were seen carrying evidence bags out of Denver Health: Meanwhile, at the scene of the shooting, police cordoned off an area around boots & what might be a knife:

4. **The Expo Has Now Been Canceled** for Sunday... Although early media reports placed the shooting at the Denver Coliseum, it actually started at the National Western Complex. Denver7 News reported that the entrance was closed off & no one was being allowed into the arena immediately after the shooting & stabbing. However, since that report, 9 News Denver confirmed later that the expo was still going on, but there was an increased police presence at the scene. People were even checking into the event on Facebook after the shooting & stabbing happened. However, the event will not be happening on Sunday, 9 News later reported.

The City & County of Denver decided to cancel the expo on Sunday out of respect for the investigation & public safety. Witnessed reported that the bikes were on lockdown right after the shooting & some people had trouble going home. Visitors were asked to talk to an officer on the scene if they needed access to their bikes, KDVR reported.

5. The Colorado Motorcycle Expo Is One of the Largest in the Country. The Colorado Motorcycle Expo is 1 of the largest in the country. It was scheduled for Sat from 9 am to 7 pm & Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm. According to the CME, the Expo includes the country's largest indoor motorcycle swap meet with over 800 booths, a bike show featuring 100 vintage bikes, live music, & more events. The video above was taken during the 2015 expo.

New Technologies Give Gov't Ample Means to Track Suspects, Study Finds – Jan 31, 2016 - *Washington, DC* - *U.S.A.*

– By David E. Sanger; www.NYTimes.com - For more than 2 years the F.B.I. & intelligence agencies have warned that encrypted communications are creating a “going dark” crisis that will keep them from tracking terrorists & kidnappers. Now, a study in which current & former intelligence officials participated concludes that the warning is wildly overblown, & that a raft of new technologies - like television sets with microphones & web-connected cars - are creating ample opportunities for the Gov't to track suspects, many of them worrying. “‘Going dark’ does not aptly describe the long-term landscape for Gov't surveillance,” concludes the study, to be published Monday by the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard. The study argues that the phrase ignores the flood of new technologies “being packed with sensors & wireless connectivity” that are expected to become the subject of court orders & subpoenas, & are already the target of the National Security Agency as it places “implants” into networks around the world to monitor communications abroad. The products, ranging from “toasters to bedsheets, light bulbs, cameras, toothbrushes, door locks, cars, watches & other wearables,” will give the Gov't increasing opportunities to track suspects & in many cases reconstruct communications & meetings.

The study, titled, “Don't Panic: Making Progress on the ‘Going Dark’ Debate,” is among the sharpest counterpoints yet to the contentions of James B. Comey, the F.B.I. director, & other Justice Dept officials, mostly by arguing that they have defined the issue too narrowly. Over the past year, they have repeatedly told Congress that the move by Apple to automatically encrypt data on its iPhone, & similar steps by Google & Microsoft, are choking off critical abilities to track suspects, even with a court order.

Pres Obama, however, concluded last fall that any effort to legislate a Gov't “back door” into encrypted communications would probably create a pathway for hackers - including those working for foreign Gov'ts like Russia, China & Iran - to gain access as well, & create a precedent for authoritarian Gov'ts demanding similar access. Most Rep. candidates for Pres have demanded that technology companies create a way for investigators to unlock encrypted communications, & on the Dem. side, Hillary Clinton has taken a tough line on Silicon Valley companies, urging them to join the fight against the Islamic State.

Apple's chief executive, Timothy Cook, has led the charge on the other side. He recently told a group of White House officials seeking technology companies' voluntary help to counter the Islamic State that the Gov't's efforts to get the keys to encrypted communications would be a boon for hackers & put legitimate

business transactions, financial data & personal communications at greater risk.

The Harvard study, funded by the Hewlett Foundation, was unusual because it involved technical experts, civil libertarians & officials who are, or have been, on the forefront of counterterrorism. Larry Kramer, the former dean of Stanford Law School, who heads the foundation, noted Friday that until now “the policy debate has been impeded by gaps in trust — chasms, really — between academia, civil society, the private sector & the intelligence community” that have impeded the evolution of a “safe, open & resilient Internet.” Among the chief authors of the report is Matthew G. Olsen, who was a director of the National Counterterrorism Center under Mr. Obama & a general counsel of the National Security Agency.

Two current senior officials of the N.S.A. — John DeLong, the head of the agency's Commercial Solutions Center, & Anne Neuberger, the agency's chief risk officer — are described in the report as “core members” of the group, but did not sign the report because they could not act on behalf of the agency or the United States Gov't in endorsing its conclusions, Gov't officials said. “Encryption is a real problem, & the F.B.I. & intelligence agencies are right to raise it,” Mr. Olsen said Sunday. But he noted that in their testimony officials had not described the other technological breaks that are falling their way, nor had they highlighted cases in which they were able to exploit mistakes made by suspects in applying encryption to their messages. Jonathan Zittrain, a professor of law & computer science at Harvard who convened the group, said in an interview that the goal was “to have a discussion among people with very different points of view” that would move “the state of the debate beyond its well-known bumper stickers. We managed to do that in part by thinking of a larger picture, specifically in the unexpected ways that surveillance might be attempted.” He noted that in the current stalemate there was little discussion of the “ever-expanding ‘Internet of things,’ where telemetry from teakettles, televisions & light bulbs might prove surprisingly, & worryingly, amenable to subpoena from Gov'ts around the world.” Those technologies are already being exploited: The Gov't frequently seeks location data from devices like cellphones & EZ Passes to track suspects. The study notes that such opportunities are expanding rapidly. A Samsung “smart” television contains a microphone meant to relay back to Samsung voice instructions to the TV — “I want to see the last 3 ‘Star Wars’ movies” — & a Hello, Barbie brought out by Mattel last year records children's conversations with the doll, processes them over the Internet & sends back a response.

The history of technology shows that what is invented for convenience can soon become a target of surveillance. “LE or intelligence agencies may start to seek orders compelling Samsung, Google, Mattel, Nest or vendors of other networked devices to push an update or flip a digital switch to intercept the ambient communications of a target,” the report said. These communications, too, may one day be encrypted. But Google's business model depends on picking out key words from emails to tailor advertisements for specific users of Gmail, the popular email service. Apple users routinely back up the contents of their phones to iCloud — a service that is not encrypted & now is almost a routine target for investigators or intelligence agencies. So are the tracking & mapping systems for cars that rely on transmitted global positioning data. “I think what this report shows is that the world today is like living in a big field that is more illuminated

than ever before,” said Joseph Nye, a Harvard Gov’t professor & former head of the National Intelligence Council. “There will be dark spots — there always will be. But it’s easy to forget that there is far more data available to Gov’ts now than ever before.”

Denver cancels second day of motorcycle expo after shooting kills one – Feb 2, 2018 – *Colorado* – By www.DenverPost.com - At least 8 people taken to Denver Health Medical Center... At least one person was killed after a shooting/stabbing melee Saturday afternoon during a motorcycle expo at the Nat’l Western complex that possibly involved 2 motorcycle gangs. At a 6 p.m. news conference, Denver Police Chief Robert White said 4 people were shot & one person was stabbed. One person died & 3 are in critical condition. Three others received minor injuries. White said the MCs involved will not be named at this time. No arrests have been made, but one person of interest in connection with the incident is being questioned. Police believe gunfire was exchanged & are also investigating whether other LE officers from outside Denver were involved. Off duty officers were at the expo before the shooting. There was no security screening at the event. White said police “strongly suspect there’s more than one shooter.” Shortly before the news conference, the city & county of Denver sent out a news release announcing the second day of the 38th Annual Colorado Motorcycle Expo would be canceled. White said Sat’s events were allowed to proceed because there was a heavy police presence & the event was close to its scheduled closing time. “We allowed them to finish out their evening,” he said. Denver Health tweeted shortly before 2 p.m. that 9 people had been transported to area hospitals. At a 3:30 p.m. news briefing, Denver Health announced 7 patients were brought in after the shooting. One died, 3 are critical & 3 are stable. Bob Cook witnessed the shooting. His booth for Quarterchaps, a leather goods company was located across from where the shooting happened. He heard 2 shots fired & saw people dive under tables. He didn’t hear any arguments before the shooting & doesn’t know what may have prompted it. He said there were puddles of blood on the floor, but minutes later, the scene returned to normal. “Everyone is so desensitized,” he said as he pointed to dried blood on the floor that people were walking over. One witness, who asked to remain anonymous out of fear of retaliation, said the feud was started by rival biker gangs. Police filled the parking lot. People who left the show & crossed the police tape are not being allowed back into the building. No new attendees are being allowed in, but people who are still in the building have not been asked to leave & continue to mill about & shop leisurely. Some of the people who came out are angry they won’t be let back inside. Mary Eckhart, who left the building, said some people attending the show don’t even know about the violence. She said she attends the expo every year & is angry that some feuding people “can’t control their tempers for one day.” The Kicker Arena Cross Show, which is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the National Western Event Center, will go on as planned. On Sat evening, the city & county of Denver sent out a news release saying the second day of the expo would be canceled due to safety concerns. The city, in conjunction with the Western Stock Show Association, owns the National Western Complex, which had been contracted for the 2-day expo. A refund policy will be administered to ticketholders. The Arena Cross event being held at the National Western Events Center will go on as scheduled with shows at 7:00 p.m. tonight & 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Arena Cross has no relation to the Expo.

Mongols: “Cop club” started fatal brawl at Denver motorcycle expo – Jan 31, 2016 – *Colorado* – By Tom McGhee & Kirk Mitchell; www.DenverPost.com - At least 2 or 3 of the Iron Order members sustained injuries, the club’s lawyer said... Members of 2 rival MCs — one largely made up of police officers — are blaming each other for a fight Sat that left one man dead & 7 others shot or stabbed. No arrests have been made, police said Sun, & the 7 injured at the Colorado Motorcycle Expo remain hospitalized. Stephen Stubbs, an attorney for the Mongols MC, says members of the IO MC taunted Mongols into an argument & then escalated the violence that led to the fatal shooting of a Mongols member. Many of those in the IO are police officers, military members & other LE officers. “The IO are cowards,” Stubbs said Sunday. “The IO started an argument. An IO member threw the first punch. And when they were handily losing the fight they pulled out a gun & shot a Mongol. The only person who died here was shot by a member of the cop club.” But John C. Whitfield, a lawyer for the IOMC, said Sun the shootout may have started when 3 members were jumped by members of one or more biker gangs. Vince Bohm, who identified himself as a member of the Mongols MC, said an off-duty police officer fatally shot a Mongol. Whitfield said a Colorado Dept of Corrections officer fired a shot during the incident, but he didn’t know if that bullet hit any Mongols. Stubbs, Bohm & Whitfield did not witness Saturday’s brawl at the 38th annual motorcycle expo, but relayed what they heard from numerous members of the 2 clubs.

A large number of the Mongols, a biker gang whose website advises that they are “the baddest MC known worldwide,” were at the expo. Members of other outlaw motorcycle gangs including the Bandidos & HAs also were there. Stubbs claims that the IO likewise identifies itself as an outlaw MC, because it uses 3 patches to identify different ranks of members. “They are known for picking fights & being jerks,” he said. “It was a fair fight until the IO member pulled out a gun. For them to come out & play the victim when they picked the fight is outrageous. They are a bunch of cops who say the rules of society don’t apply to them.”

The U.S. Dept of Justice classifies the Mongols as a highly organized criminal enterprise. Members of the Mongols did not fire a single bullet during the confrontation, Stubbs said. He said the incident began near the basement where several Mongols had booths set up to sell T-shirts, Stubbs said. Several IO members were drinking beers & staring the Mongols down. A group of Mongols walked over & said, “What are you doing here? Get out of here,” Stubbs said. One IO member shoved a Mongol. A Mongol knocked a beer out of his hand. During a fight that broke out, another IO member, who appeared to be drunk, pulled out a gun, waved it in the air, yelled profanities & threatened, “I’ll shoot you,” Stubbs said. At that point, one of the Mongols charged the gun-toting man to tackle him & the IO member shot him, Stubbs said. A melee broke out in which the Mongols had beaten their rivals, he said. The man who was armed stood up on the stairs & began waving his gun again. Another Mongol charged after him again & the IO member fatally shot him, Stubbs said. The IO member who shot 2 men was handcuffed & taken to the police station to be questioned, he said. “Even Mongols have a right to defend themselves,” Stubbs said. The version Whitfield tells is much different.

Only about 15 members of the Iron Order were attending the event when 3 got separated from the group & were jumped by members of the Mongols, & possibly others, he said. “Once that

happened, there was an opportunity to jump them, & they were sorely outnumbered," Whitfield said. Whitfield, who is flying to Denver Sunday to help handle the matter, said the fight started on a flight of stairs. "There were Mongols in front, & Mongols in back," & they began harassing an African-American member of the IO. "One of the Mongols knocked a beer out of his hand & called him a racial slur," Whitfield said. Another member of the Mongols then confronted the corrections officer, & another IO member, who was later taken into custody. The Mongols shot first, Whitfield said. "It grazed one of our guys, & then hit another one. Then they stabbed one of our guys repeatedly & started beating up the other fellow." The corrections officer fired his gun "clearly in self-defense," Whitfield said.

Bohm, a former "patched" member of the Mongols, said he arrived at the show just after the shooting as a large group of Bandidos were streaming out of the Expo. The primary combatants were members of the cop club & the Mongols, but it was an off-duty cop who fatally shot the Mongol, he said. He said he is concerned that any investigation will not result in charges against a police officer, even though shooting a gun at a crowded show with kids is very dangerous. "If a cop shoots him they'll find some way to get him off," Bohm said Sunday.

Detectives continue to interview witnesses Sunday, Raquel Lopez, Denver police spokeswoman said. "As of right now there are no arrests," Lopez said. "They are still trying to figure it out." Lopez said she does not know which gang the person who died Saturday is affiliated with. And that isn't a detail that Chief Robert White is going to release at this point, she said. Detectives have not been able to question some of the key witnesses, including those who were shot or stabbed, because they are still undergoing treatment. "There is a lot of information that is still not known," Lopez said. Lopez said she cannot comment on whether guns used in an exchange of gunfire have been obtained. That information is part of the investigation & will not be revealed, she said. Denver police spokesman Sonny Jackson said the melee will be thoroughly investigated & when the review is complete, the case will be presented to District Atty Mitch Morrissey for possible charges. "We're hearing different things about what happened," Jackson said. Before the P.D. releases facts about what happened they will conduct an investigation including collecting evidence at the scene.

The Denver Coroner's Office will release the identity of the dead man, she said. Stubbs declined to name the dead man. The injured were taken to Denver Health Medical Center, & the hospital was put on lockdown for a few hours Sat afternoon. The lockdown has since been lifted, & the hospital is in normal operations, though officers are still on the scene to prevent further trouble. The 7 people injured Saturday remained hospitalized Sunday. Three are listed in critical condition & 4 are listed in stable condition. Denver officials canceled the expo's Sunday session at the National Western Stock Show Complex. On Sunday, the expo's organizer posted a short message apologizing to vendors & patrons for the inconvenience.

Robert Lee comes to the event every year from his home in England to buy & sell motorcycles. On Sun, he was loading a pair of motorcycles he had sold into a trailer. The shooting broke out near the spot where he was selling, but he had left his booth to get a bowl of chili, & didn't witness the bloodshed. When he returned to the booth, police had cordoned it off, & he was unable

to sell anything else. The violence, "just killed business stone dead," he said. "We do get gang fights in England, but they try not to do it in public. It is just wrong to bring guns to an event like this," he said. Donald Haverland, who was showing motorcycles at the Expo with his wife, has come to the event for each of the past 7 years. During that time, there have been altercations between packs of bikers, but nothing as serious as Sat's deadly brawl. "But I have noticed a level of antagonism increasing over the years," he said. When the couple first began coming to the show, Haverland said, he often saw several members of different MCs talking to each other. Most of the bikers considered the event neutral territory. But over the past 2 or 3 years, he noticed a change in attitude. "Someone would walk up to somebody real fast like they were mad, & then stop about 10 feet away & stare at them, & there were groups bumping into others, he said. "I haven't wanted to come for the past 5 or 6 years because I could see an escalation," Haverland said. He came this year because his wife, Rochelle Hayes-Haverland, insisted. She said she heard about the brawl while she was attending the Tanner Gun Show, held at the Denver Mart, on E 58th Ave. "I was shocked," she said.

1 dead, 7 hurt in shooting, stabbing at Denver expo – Jan 31, 2016 – *Colorado* – By Associated Press; www.MSN.com - One person was fatally shot & 7 others were injured in a shooting & stabbing at a motorcycle expo on Saturday, Denver police said. Police Chief Robert White told reporters that it was unclear what prompted the incident at the National Western Complex, where the Colorado Motorcycle Expo was being held this weekend. Police were interviewing several witnesses, including those being treated at the hospital, & were also talking to one person of interest, he said. Investigators believe there was an exchange of gunfire at about 1 p.m. In addition to the person who was shot & killed, 3 others were shot, another person was stabbed & 3 others suffered injuries from a fistfight, White said. A bystander told the Denver Post (<http://dpo.st/1SsnPvS>) that the shooting happened near his leather goods company booth. Bob Cook said he heard 2 shots fired & saw people dive under tables. He said he didn't hear any arguments before the shooting. Dr. Kevin McVane of Denver Health Medical Center said earlier in the afternoon that 6 people were admitted to the hospital. Three were in critical condition & 3 were stable, he said. Police were keeping a heavy presence at the hospital where the injured people were being treated to prevent the incident from spreading from the expo. Other events associated with the weekend expo have been canceled, White said. Police spokeswoman Raquel Lopez said she couldn't say whether the incident was gang related. No arrests have been made.

When Bill & Hillary first got married Bill said, "I put a box under the bed. You must promise never to look in it." In all their 30 years of marriage, Hillary never looked. On the afternoon of their 30th anniversary, curiosity got the better of her & she lifted the lid & peeked inside. In it were 3 empty beer cans & \$81,874.25 in cash. She closed the box & put it back under the bed. Now that she knew what was in the box, she was doubly curious as to why there was such a box & with those contents.

Seriously, I don't know when exactly that UFO landed & dumped all these Stupid People, But they apparently aren't coming back for them...

The Mongols Statement - Feb 5, 2016 – *Colorado* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Yesterday in Denver, Las Vegas Atty Stephen “Bowtie” Stubbs, flanked by 2 members of the Mongols MC dressed in black & white flannel shirts but not wearing cuts, issued a statement on behalf of the club that included the Mongols survivors’ version of events. Stubbs said: “The Mongols MC is confident that the many independent witnesses will tell the truth & that this matter will be handled appropriately. Everyone has the right to defend themselves from physical confrontation. If someone is threatened or attacked, that person has the right to stand up for himself & use appropriate force to defend against that threat. However, any force used to defend yourself must be reasonable. Pulling a gun after one of your buddies pushes someone is not reasonable & cannot be self-defense. Shooting an unarmed person that tries to disarm you after you unlawfully brandish a gun cannot be self-defense. Running to the top of the stairs, pointing a gun at the crowd below & shooting an unarmed man that bravely tried to disarm you cannot be self-defense. “On the flip side, attempting to disarm a person with your hands after they pull a gun on you is lawful self-defense. Using your fists to defend yourself & your brothers against a group whose members just shot one of you is self-defense. Likewise, if you are an unarmed man that is charging some intoxicated lunatic at the top of the stairs that is waving a gun at the crowd, this is definitely self-defense. “On Jan 30, 2016 a citizen dies as he charged a man that was waving a gun at a large group of people. That citizen’s name is Victor Mendoza. He was a dedicated father & husband, a true brother & friend with a talent to make kids smile. Victor Mendoza sacrificed his life attempting to save others. There is no greater love than this.”

Iron Order: Stubbs was referring to a brawl last Sat in which a CO Dept of Corrections officer named Derrick “Kong” Duran shot & killed Mendoza. Duran is a member of the IOMC. He has not yet been arrested. The Aging Rebel believes the photo above was taken just before Duran, with gun in hand, turned & fired down the stairs. Mendoza is clearly visible on the stairs. This page had previously reported the photo was taken after Mendoza’s murder. The photo seems to substantiate Stubbs’ version of events. The IO has a history of claiming self-defense after engaging in reckless & unwarranted gun play. At least 2 other people, Zachariah Tipton & Tonya Focht, have died in the last 19 months as a result of encounters with pugnacious IO members. Constant preparation for deadly confrontations is integral to the IO enterprise. For example, in an email to IO members in Kentucky late in 2014, Jo “Black Beard” Storm, then the sergeant at arms for the IOs’ Ft Knox chapter, told members, “I would recommend all right handed members to either have your firearm secured on your left side or at least situated so you can cross draw with your left hand. Your right hand will be on the throttle. Need to learn to shoot left handed if you plan on being an avid rider & putting miles on your bike.”

Shark Speak: After Stubbs statement, John C. “Shark” Whitfield, the “Dir of the Division of Legal Affairs” for the Iron Order, attempted to discredit the Mongols version of events. One of Whitfield’s primary duties in the IO is to lobby with investigating PDs on behalf of IO members. Whitfield told the Denver Post that Stubbs’ statement was “fantasy.” He told the Post, “It’s one thing to hold a press conference, It’s another thing to do what law-abiding citizens do – & that’s cooperate with the investigation.” Whitfield, who did not arrive in Denver until the day after the shooting, told Reuters, “That’s not even close to what

happened. It’s going to be quite obvious that this was self-defense by the IO.” Whitfield told A.P. that his club is “doing everything we can to assist the investigation so the truth will be known.”

Chosen Sons Plead - Feb 6, 2016 – *Maryland* - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Three members of the Chosen Sons MC pled guilty Thu to charges that resulted from a fight with members of the IOMC in Essex, Maryland on June 7, 2014. Keith Romans & Alessandro Lori pled guilty to disorderly conduct. Nicholas Burkey pled guilty to second-degree assault. All 3 men were sentenced to 1 year of unsupervised probation & 50 hours of community service. Romans retired from the Baltimore PD in 2012. A 4th Chosen Son, David Crites, had his case continued until April 14. Crites is a Baltimore city Police Detective Sgt in the city’s Southeastern District. He is currently suspended with pay. The case was investigated by Baltimore County police. Crites is also charged with 2nd degree assault.

The Clubs: There has been friction between the IO & other MCs in Maryland over what William Dulaney has called the symbols of “organizational identity” in the MC world. In his book *Over the Edge & into the Abyss: The Communication of Organizational Identity in an Outlaw MC*, Dulaney wrote, “If a MC were to adopt the 3-piece configuration & not adhere to the outlaw ethic, that club would very quickly cease to exist; MC etiquette dictates that another dominant club (or clubs) in the area would see to the disbanding of the offending MC.” The IO is contemptuous of “MC etiquette.” The Chosen Sons MC is an independent MC based in & around Baltimore that has chapters in Baltimore, Pasadena, Harford, Carroll, Kent, Freeland & Benson, NC.

Two Fights: The fight in June 2014 was part of the aftermath of another fight between members of the Chosen Sons & the Iron Horsemen MCs on one side & the IO on the other in a bar called Kenny B’s Blue Marlin in Dundalk, Maryland on Feb 7, 2014. A Chosen Son & retired Baltimore policeman named Eric Chris Jansen was sentenced to “probation before sentencing” for his part in the Kenny B’s fight. Iron Horsemen Eric Lloyd “Animal” Calkins was sentenced to 2-years incarceration with all but 60 days suspended for his part in the Kenny B’s fight. Calkins is a veteran who suffered a traumatic brain injury during his military service. Four IO members beat Calkins head with collapsible batons at Kenny B’s. As is always the case, the IO members testified against the Chosen Sons & Iron Horsemen & their opponents refused, as a matter of honor or “etiquette,” to testify against them. A former Orlando IO member named Timothy “Sentinel” Taylor was at the center of both the Feb & June 2014 brawls. After the Thu verdict, Taylor told the Baltimore Sun the charges against the Chosen Sons were “a step in the right direction.” Defense Atty Joseph Murtha, told the Sun there were “clearly 2 sides of the story, but the other side didn’t get charged. There was a fight & a lot of people involved. People were selectively charged.”

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