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Free All Brothers Behind Bars...

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I just want to go Riding & Ignore All of my Adult Problems...

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Welcome Wheel Of Soul Block to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Editor's Note: For March there were 2 Issues, For April there was 1 Issue; For May 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 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....

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...

The 8th Item for this Benefit was made by & donated by **Avenger Pork Chop**... Leather Belt - Size 38 - "COC" on the Belt Buckle - **WACO** on the back - **GBNF** on both sides.

[Thank You Cowboy](#)....

[Thank you Pork Chop](#)...

The 9th Item for this Benefit was donated by **Sons Of Silence Supporter Kolby**... Lyon oil painting...

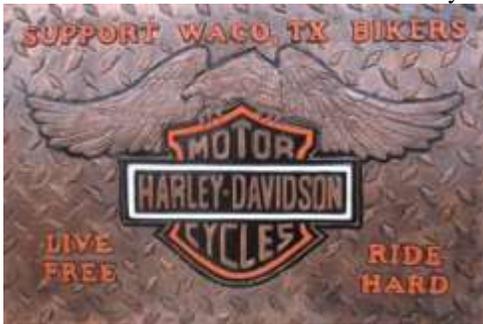
[Thank You Kolby](#)....



The 10th Item for this Benefit was donated by **Iron Horsemen Crooked Nose Mike**... Support Waco Bikers... [Thank You Mike](#)....

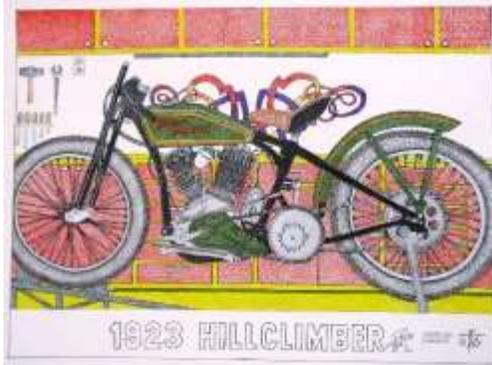
The 11th Item for this Benefit was donated by **Ghost Rider White Boy**... Skull & Cross Bones... I'll Frame. [Thank You White Boy](#)...

The 12th Item for this Benefit was donated by **Friend Kevin**... Little Biker Bear... I'll Frame. [Thank You Kevin](#)...



The 13th Item for this Benefit was donated by **Painted Tree**; Dot H-D Art ([372,830 Dots](#)). [Thank You Painted Tree](#) I'll Frame.

The 14th Item for this Benefit was donated by **Painted Tree**; Dot Devil Art ([167,000 Dots](#)). [Thank You Painted Tree](#) I'll Frame.



The 15th Item for this Benefit was donated by **Filthy White Boy Travis**; 1%ER Knit Stocking Cap.

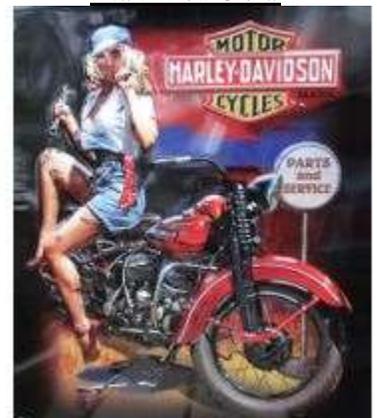
[Thank You Travis](#)...

The 16th Item for this Benefit was donated by **Kari Davis**; H-D Smokin Hot Sign...

[Thank You Kari](#)...

The 17th Item for this Benefit was donated by **Ciera Davis**; H-D Parts & Service Sign...

[Thank You Ciera](#)...



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

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

Editor's Note : It is too hard to keep up with counts, But for your info here are the Clubs that are getting the Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter (**84 Clubs**) in Prison: Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Brothers 8, Brotherhood Nomads, Brothers Of Wheels, Cloven Hoofs, Damned Deacon, D.C. Eagles, Death Squad, Derelicts, Devils Diciples, Diablos, El Forastero, Finks, Fly-In-Wheels, Forsaken Few, Free Souls, Estedes, Galloping Goose, Ghost Riders, Grim Reapers, Gypsy Joker, Hellions, Hells Angels, Hells Lovers, Hells Outcasts, Hermanos, Hessians, Hidalgo's, Highwaymen, In Country Vietnam, Iron Coffins, Iron Horsemen, Invaders, Iron Wings, Iron Mustangs, Legion Of Doom, Liberty Riders, Long Riders, Marauder's, Misfits, Mohawk Valley Riders, Moloch, Mongols, Motopsychoz, Nomads, Outlaws, Pagan's, Peckerwood, Phantom's, Pharoahs, Reapers, Red Devils, Renegades, Sadistic, Salty Dogs, Satans Soldiers, Scorpions, Set Free Soldiers, Sin City Deciples, Sons Of Silence, Sovereign, Sundowners, Thunderbirds, Thunderguards, Unforegiven, Unforgiven, Vagos, Vietnam Vets / Legacy Vets, Y-Rohirrin, Warlocks Pa, Warlocks, Winos Crew And Wheels Of Soul... With newsletters going to Australia, Canada, England, France, Finland, Germany, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, & Wales.

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

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

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

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

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I Don't Care If You Don't Like Me;
I Can't Force You to Have Good Taste...

I Don't Care about People Who Judge Me;
I'm Just Gonna Do Whatever Makes Me Happy in Life...

Murdering Michael Funk - May 2, 2016 – **Wisconsin** – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - The Neenah, Wisconsin **PD** & Neenah Swat officer Craig Hoffer had multiple motives to murder Eagle Nation Cycles co-owner Michael L. Funk last Dec 5. A cogent source, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he also fears being murdered by Neenah police, alleges that video evidence connected to both Funk's homicide & a Sept 21, 2012 Swat raid on Eagle Nation has been altered or destroyed. Funk was killed near the conclusion of a bizarre standoff at the motorcycle shop. A deranged former customer named Brian T. Flatoff entered the shop armed with a MAC-10 semiautomatic pistol at about 8:55 a.m. & threatened to kill everyone in the shop unless his former motorcycle, being serviced for its new owner, was reassembled & returned to him. Flatoff later said he had sold the motorcycle to a man named Vance Dalton for \$3,000 to pay a bondsman after his sixth drunk driving charge. Flatoff then tried to buy it back from Dalton who demanded \$8,000 for it. Neenah police did not arrive on scene & attempt to enter the shop until 9:43 a.m. Before their arrival, those police had been told that everybody except Flatoff was dressed in all black so the gunman should have been easy to identify.

Many Cameras: Most of the drama, including what happened inside the shop, was captured on Eagle Cycles 19 video cameras & multiple police video cameras including police body cameras. One video recording of Funk's murder was released by Neenah police last week, about 5 months after the event. That video shows 5 Neenah **Swat** officers entering the back door of the motorcycle shop. Unreleased video taken inside the shop shows that 2 of the **Swat** officers fell down when they entered the building. Three officers, including Hoffer, engaged Flatoff at close range. The police fired multiple shots, fatally wounding a fire extinguisher then ran back out the door. Hoffer was struck in his helmet, ran to a nearby ambulance, stripped off his Swat gear then ran back to the crime scene. It seems relevant that Hoffer who had just been shot in the helmet by Flatoff would have known who Flatoff was & that the man he shot & killed was not Flatoff. Flatoff ordered Funk to close the door. When Funk reached the back door he kept going. After Flatoff fired multiple shots at him, Funk took cover behind a truck and, with no police in sight, he pulled out a legally carried pistol to protect himself should Flatoff pursue him. According to the source, Funk didn't pull the pistol & shoot at Flatoff because he was afraid, if he did, he would be charged with murder. It is incredible that Neenah officers would not recognize Funk on sight. While he tried to run to safety, Hoffer & 2 other Swat officers named Jonathan Kuffel & Robert Ross fired 12 shots at Funk without warning. Five of the shots struck Funk. Funk was shot twice while he was on the ground. Last week, Neenah Police Chief Kevin Wilkinson told **AP**, "It certainly appears from the video that there was no warning was given. There is no requirement that a warning be given, either by law or policy."

Motive: A common sense question is why would police murder Funk? Hoffer in particular had a history with both Funk & Eagle Nation's other owner, Steven V. Erato. Hoffer, a former undercover drug officer, participated in the 2012 raid on Eagle Nation Cycles. During that raid, Hoffer personally disarmed Funk & learned that Funk could legally carry a pistol. During that raid, the source alleged, Hoffer was video recorded planting marijuana in the shop office and, after police seized that recording, the video was edited. That evidence planting allegation isn't new. In a lawsuit filed by Funk, Erato & 2 others against the city of Neenah in Dec 2014, their lawyer, Cole White, wrote: "The officers

claimed to have found a small amount of marijuana in one of the offices of Eagle Nation Cycles. However, suspiciously, the video recording in that office cuts out following the police entry into the room & then resumes only after the alleged discovery. The video equipment was seized by **SWAT** Officers, & was not returned for several months.” The same allegation was repeated in a story by Kate Briquet in the Daily Beast last Jan 28.

Suit Dismissed: The 2012 raid & its aftermath was personally devastating to Funk & Erato. The suit they filed sought \$50 million in punitive damages, \$200,000 in compensatory damages & \$200,000 in lost income. The suit however was dismissed with prejudice, meaning it could not be refiled, by Fed District Judge William C. Griesbach 6 weeks after Funk was killed. Griesbach ruled that White had refused to present his clients to be deposed in Milwaukee a month before Funk died & that White had failed to follow court rules in 3 of 4 Fed cases he had pursued. Judge Griesbach called White’s failure to follow proper procedure “a pattern” & punished Funk & Erato for it. Erato subsequently told The Aging Rebel that the complainants had never been notified they were scheduled to be deposed. This page tried & was unable to contact White during the preparation of this story. Erato & the other complainants in the 2014 suit are now indigent & unable to pursue their complaints against Neenah. The suit had theorized that the 2012 **Swat** raid was motivated by the city’s intention to seize the Eagle Nation Cycles building, a former can factory that once sat in an industrial section of the town but is now in the middle Neenah’s recently redeveloped downtown. A new, \$9 million office building is being constructed next to Eagle Nation Cycles. There have been multiple, well publicized cases of police planting evidence in Wisconsin in recent years. The most famous of those was the basis for a Netflix series titled Making A Murderer about a wrongfully convicted man named Steven Avery that as cablecast last year. Ironically & tragically, after his release Avery murdered a woman named Teresa Halbach.

Motorcycle riding test no longer offered in DC - May 2, 2016 – **Washington D.C.** - By Kathy; <http://WTOP.com/DC> - The District is no longer testing riders, & no longer issuing motorcycle learners’ permits. **D.C.** changed its policy last July, but not many people know about it, said John Townsend, a spokesman with **AAA** Mid-Atlantic. “What the District is losing is quality control over the type of training motorcyclists receive,” Townsend said, adding that it is more expensive for **D.C.** residents to take the tests elsewhere. Data from the **National Traffic Highway Safety Administration** show 24% of riders involved in a fatal crash in 2012 were riding without valid motorcycle licenses, compared with only 12% of car drivers involved in a fatal crash. Critics claim the rule change could lead to more motorcycle riders in the District riding without a valid license, which could lead to more crashes & deaths.

I did not know this ...

When you drink whiskey over ice-it can give you heart problems.
When you drink vodka over ice, it can give you kidney failure.
When you drink gin over ice, it can give you brain problems.
When you drink rum over ice, it can give you liver failure.
Apparently, ice is really bad for you.
Warn all your friends...

Neenah P.D. violates trust – May 6, 2016 – **Wisconsin** – By www.PostCrescent.com - We watched more than 90 videos related to officers shooting a hostage outside Eagle Nation Cycles on Dec. 5, & have come to one conclusion: We have no confidence the leadership of the Neenah **PD** can run a force that protects its citizens. The videos released by the Dept of Justice are appalling in several ways.

- Neenah police officers look ill-prepared as they storm Eagle Nation Cycles & their retreat appears disorganized.
- Neenah police officer Craig Hoffer was shot in the helmet. Yet he went back on the scene after specifically being told not to by a police sergeant. He ended up shooting Michael L. Funk, a hostage who had escaped the motorcycle shop.
- Neenah police officers fired without warning. Officers did not order Funk to drop his handgun before shooting him. Rather, they yelled, “Show me your hands!” after they shot him & he hit the pavement. It would have taken literally less than a second to say “drop the gun” & an innocent man could still be alive.

Most of all, we are outraged about the fact that a police officer gunned down a man & laughed about it. This is indefensible.

Neenah Justice Laughter - May 7, 2016 – **Wisconsin** – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Wisconsin Atty General Brad Schimel, who was elected to be the state’s top cop by running as “**L.E.**’s Choice,” cleared the 2 Neenah police “operators” who murdered 60-year-old Michael L. Funk as he tried to flee to safety during a standoff last Dec 5 at a bike shop named Eagle Nation Cycles. Schimel (center of photo above) decreed the 2 cops, Craig Hoffer & Robert Ross, were innocent because he believed their excuse for murdering a man in cold blood. Funk, a co-owner of the bike shop was taken hostage by an armed, deranged, disgruntled customer named Brian T. Flatoff. Police responded after 45 minutes by trying to storm the store. They botched that. When the 5 militarized cops escaped they left the back door open. When Flatoff told Funk to close the door he escaped. Flatoff fired multiple rounds at him. Funk took cover behind a pickup truck & drew a legally carried pistol. When Flatoff failed to pursue Funk, Funk tried to run for safety with the gun in his hand. Hoffer & Ross shot him 5 times. He was shot twice while he lay on the ground. Police fired 12 shots at Funk in all.

Motive: The Neenah police in general & Hoffer in particular had grudges against both Eagle Cycles & Funk. Neenah cop commandos, including Hoffer, raided Eagle Nation Cycles in 2012 in an attempt, shop owner Steven V. Erato has alleged, to put the shop out of business, seize the building & profit from its resale to a developer. Hoffer, a former undercover drug cop, participated in that raid. Significant evidence exists that while in the shop Hoffer planted drugs in the shop office then erased about 30 seconds from the security video that showed him doing it. Police seemed to consider the bike shop a public nuisance as well as a policing for profit opportunity. Hoffer had had previous interactions with Funk & knew what he looked like. The police had been told that the hostages, who were all shop employees, were wearing all black & that Flatoff was wearing blue jeans.

Mens Rea: Schimel ruled that Hoffer & Ross were innocent because of what they imagined. The men imagined that there were no hostages & that the call to police was part of a conspiracy to lure them into a trap. “They were wrong, but the evidence demonstrates that their beliefs were genuine and, ultimately, they were objectively reasonable,” Schimel said Friday. In lawyer’s

Latin, the formal point of law that Schimel applied to this murder is *actus non facit reum nisi mens sit rea*, which translates as, “an act does not make a person guilty unless his mind is also guilty.” Schimel thinks Hoffer & Ross acted innocently, without malice in their minds. He did not explain how he arrived at his conclusion. True to his campaign slogan, Schimel seems to have simply given the cops the benefit of the doubt.

Hoffer: Hoffer was struck in his helmet during the botched entry into the store. He ran to a nearby ambulance & returned to kill Funk. In the video below, another officer named Stuart Zuehls tells Hoffer he shouldn't be there. Zuehls starts to say, “My point is, you end up shooting somebody....” “I did,” Hoffer interrupts excitedly. “I already did!” “You shot someone?” “Yeah, I fucking killed the dude.” Then Hoffer laughs. The Wisconsin Dept of Justice has unlisted the videos on YouTube in order to prevent their viewing by the general public. You can find working links to the videos here.

Post-Crescent: In an angry editorial published last night, the Appleton Post-Crescent declared it had “no confidence the leadership of the Neenah PD can run a force that protects its citizens.” The paper found the videos of the incident “appalling” & was “outraged about the fact that a police officer gunned down a man & laughed about it.” “Something is broken in the Neenah PD,” the paper complained. “The Dept is dysfunctional. The leadership is absent. If the Dept's leadership team says its officers followed the Dept's policy – which was backed up by the Wisconsin Dept of Justice & a consultant's report – then why is an innocent man dead? And why are police laughing about it?” You can read the complete Post-Crescent editorial here.

Biker gang member charged with sexual assault – May 8, 2016 – **Wyoming** - By Sarah Zoellick; www.WyomingNews.com - A man reported to be a local member of the Sons of Silence motorcycle gang has been charged with second-degree sexual assault. Charging documents filed against Justin Wrede say he took a woman into a room at the gang's clubhouse in south Cheyenne in the early morning hours of March 20 & forced her to have sex with him against her will. The Laramie County District Atty's Office charged Wrede, reportedly known in the biker gang as “Ox,” on April 14 with 3 counts of second-degree sexual assault-submission/resist. Each crime is punishable by at least 2 & up to 20 years in prison & up to a \$10,000 fine. Court documents indicate Wrede was arrested April 15.

A **preliminary hearing** was held in Laramie County Circuit Court on Apr 27, & the case was sent to district court for trial. That day, Wrede was released from jail on a bond of \$5,000 at 10%, or \$500. He is scheduled to be arraigned in Laramie County District Court on Mon. According to formal charging documents:

Wrede's alleged victim reported the incident to the Laramie County Sheriff's Dept on March 22. She said she was at the Redwood Bar with friends on March 19 & met some people associated with the Sons of Silence motorcycle gang. She later was asked to go to a clubhouse operated by the group. Based on the woman's description of the route she took to the clubhouse, the deputy identified its address as 2106 Stundon Ave. in south Cheyenne. Once there, the woman met a man who went by the alias “Ox.” She identified a photograph of Wrede as that person. The woman said Wrede took her into a dark room at the clubhouse, & she became frightened. When a light turned on, she saw a pool

table in the middle of the room. She said Wrede pushed her against the pool table, removed her boot & pant leg & raped her. The woman told the deputy she was scared & had no friends there, & that “Ox” was big & strong, & she knew she would not be able to fight him off or yell for help.

She said she tried to pull away from Wrede, but he quickly pulled her back to him. The woman told the deputy she did not want to have sex with Wrede & did not consent to the act. She said that earlier in the night, when Wrede made sexual advances toward her, she told him “no” & thought she made it clear to him that she was not interested in him in a sexual way. The woman told her boyfriend about the incident, & he contacted Wrede by phone to confront him. Wrede reportedly told the man he had sex with the woman, who had told him “no,” but submitted anyway. A forensic examination of the woman revealed at least 24 cuts scattered on her body, including her private area.

Kong Interview Video - May 10, 2016 – **Colorado** – The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Last night NBC television affiliate KCNC in Denver ran an edited copy of the police interview with Iron Order member & Colorado prison guard Derrick “Kong” Duran after Duran admitted shooting Mongols MC members Jared “Conan” Chadwick & Victor “Nubs” Mendoza last Jan 30 during the Colorado Motorcycle Expo. Mendoza died. Duran claimed he acted in self-defense & last month Denver District Atty Mitchell Morrissey announced that “no criminal charges will be filed” against Duran.

Missing Wife: Husband went to the PD to report that his wife was missing..

Husband: My wife is missing. She went shopping yesterday & has not come home.

Sergeant: What is her height?

Husband: I'm not sure. A little over 5-feet tall.

Sergeant: Weight?

Husband: Don't know. Not slim, not really fat.

Sergeant: Color of eyes?

Husband: Sort of brown I think. Never really noticed.

Sergeant: Color of hair?

Husband: Changes a couple times a year. Maybe dark brown now. I think.

Sergeant: What was she wearing?

Husband: Could have been pants, or maybe a skirt or shorts. I don't know exactly.

Sergeant: What kind of car did she go in?

Husband: She went in my truck.

Sergeant: What kind of truck was it?

Husband: A 2015 Ford F150 King Ranch 4X4 with eco-boost 5.0L V8 engine special ordered with manual transmission & climate controlled air conditioning. It has a custom matching white cover for the bed, which has a matching aftermarket bed liner. Custom leather 6-way seats & “Bubba” floor mats. Trailering package with gold hitch & special wiring hook-ups. DVD with full GPS navigation, satellite radio receiver, 23-channel CB radio, 6 cup holders, a USB port, & 4 power outlets. I added special alloy wheels & off-road Goodyear Wranglers. It has custom running boards & indirect wheel well lighting. At this point the husband started choking up.

Sergeant: Take it easy, Buddy, we'll find your truck.

Fight Against Motorcycle Profiling Showing Success – May 11, 2016 - *Utah* - By David “Double D” Devereaux; www.MotorcycleProfilingProject.com - An organized & mobilized response by motorcyclists in Nevada & Utah protesting the policy of motorcycle profiling embraced by L.E. in St George, Utah appears to be having success. Recent grassroots motorcycle efforts culminated in a protest run to St. George on May 7, 2016 in which there were zero examples of profiling or harassment & a tangible effort by the St. George PD to change their behavior & treatment of MC members riding in their town.

On April 23, 2016, the MPP released a response to recent public statements by the St. George PD made to Hailey Higgins of ABC4 Utah in which they were embracing a paradigm & policy of profiling. The statement, in part reads: “Sgt. Williams of the SGPD made statements...admitting to targeting individuals because they are members of MCs in order to discourage them from riding their motorcycles in St. George.” “The arrogance of these statements proves a fundamental lack of understanding related to basic constitutional principles related to the 1st Amendment & the 4th Amendment. Utah motorcyclists should unify in an effort to pass legislation addressing the issue of motorcycle profiling & reduce the mentality currently exercised by the St. George PD.”

The MPP response was widely accessed through search engines & social media. Local news media & news outlets were also sent the story. The blatantly discriminatory statements made by a Sgt. were widely exposed. In fact, many motorcyclists were outraged by Sgt. Williams statements & commented extensively on social media with opinions of their own. On April 28th the MPP released a video of a highly inflammatory profiling stop involving the Utah HP & the SGPD on Facebook. This video was obtained as a result of a public information request made by activists that have learned the skills to obtain proof that profiling is occurring. This video was widely viewed & again sent to the SGPD.

Motorcycle rights activists in Las Vegas capitalized on the momentum & organized a run to protest St. George’s policies of discrimination on May 7th. Although the weather was bad, approximately 100 motorcycles made the trip from as far away as Las Vegas to join the protest. The MC member that organized the protest has reported to the MPP that there was not a single incident of profiling in or around St. George during the protest. In fact, SGPD Sgt. Hepler reached out to event organizers before the event to ensure them that there would be no profiling issues & even suggested less congested routes due to another unrelated event happening that same day in St. George.

According to the event organizer: “It was the most respectful polite conversation I’ve ever had. Sgt. Hepler called to let us know they were having an International Ironman Competition & to give me best directions so there would be no conflict. He said to call him if any cops gave us any trouble & said he wanted to come by & shake my hand if possible.”

Importantly, the MPP video released on April 28th reveals officers on the scene confirming that Sgt. Hepler was the source of the policy of mandatory profiling of MC members that led to the discriminatory stop in the first place. This same Sgt. acted in a completely different manner when a grassroots movement exposed an irrefutable policy of profiling. The protest ride organizer says, “Sgt. Hepler was at the shop where the protest ride began when I arrived. He later texted that it looked like a good

turnout & said to have a fun & safe ride.” And Sgt. Hepler lived up to his word. As stated, there were zero profiling incidents that day in St. George. These results are a testament to an organized & active grassroots movement. From political media to the feet on the ground, motorcyclists are responsibly protesting discrimination & achieving near instantaneous results in St. George. Time will tell if this change in behavior will be long-term. What does appear to be long-term is the resolve of the MC community to fight for their civil liberties.

Biker Brawl - May 14, 2016 – *Texas* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - This might be a good week for McLennan County, TX District Atty Abelino Reyna to stop telling laughable lies & start telling the truth about what happened before, during & after the brawl in the parking lot of the Waco Twin Peaks restaurant last May 17. Mon at 9 p.m. in both the Eastern & Pacific Time Zones, CNN will air an hour long special titled “Biker Brawl: Inside The Texas Shootout.” The program was written by CNN correspondent Ed Lavandera & veteran journalist Ann O’Neill who is now a part of CNN’s Enterprise Team in Los Angeles. The show will be anchored by Lavandera. In the last year the cable network’s coverage of the tragedy has often been seen sensational & deferential to police. Monday’s program should be at least slightly more skeptical of official accounts.

CNN: The official news release for the special report reads: “On May 17, 2015, a Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, Texas was the site of one of the deadliest brawls in American outlaw biker history. The shootout between the Bandidos & Cossacks motorcycle clubs left nine men dead & several dozens wounded. Investigators confiscated 480 weapons & arrested 177 bikers. “A year after the deadly battle, the CNN Special Report Biker Brawl: Inside the Texas Shootout investigates exactly what happened through graphic surveillance video, dramatic dash cam footage, crime scene photos & investigative documents – much of it obtained exclusively by CNN. “In the hour-long special, CNN’s Ed Lavandera gains exclusive access to major figures of the Outlaw Motorcycle Clubs – including Jeff Pike, President of the Bandidos, who is currently under Fed indictment, & key members of both the Cossacks & Bandidos involved in the shootout.” The anniversary of the Twin Peaks ambush is Tue.

Beer contains female hormones: Last month, Nat’l Univ of Lesotho scientists released the results of a recent analysis that revealed the presence of female hormones in beer. Men should take a concerned look at their beer consumption. The theory is that beer contains female hormones (hops contain phytoestrogens) & that by drinking enough beer, men turn into women. To test the theory, 100 men drank 8 pints of beer each within an 1 hour period. It was then observed that 100% of the test subjects:

- 1) Argued over nothing.
- 2) Refused to apologize when obviously wrong.
- 3) Gained weight.
- 4) Talked excessively without making sense.
- 5) Became overly emotional.
- 6) Couldn’t drive.
- 7) Failed to think rationally.
- 8) Had to sit down while urinating.

No further testing was considered necessary. So, I will be drinking White Russians!!! (Caucasian Communists) ...

‘Outlaw bikers’ open up about clubs, culture & deadly Waco shootout – May 15, 2016 – *Texas* – By Ann O’Neill, Ed Lavandera & Jason Morris; www.CNN.com - From the time he was big enough to climb onto the back of his dad’s Harley, Jake Carrizal felt the pull of the open road. The summer he was 9, he rode on the back of his dad’s bike to Mount Rushmore & then on to Sturgis, the annual Super Bowl of biker rallies, in the Black Hills of South Dakota. “He was on the back holding on tight. People would point & say ‘Oh, look how cute!’” recalled his dad, Chris Carrizal. Along the way, Jake got his first look at the biggest, baddest bikers in all of Texas, the Bandidos: “Just seeing them riding down the road,” Jake said, “you knew: You don’t mess with these guys.” Jake & his dad both became Bandidos. Chris Carrizal earned his patch in 2005, & Jake, 34 & a father of 2, joined 7 years later. He rose quickly to become VP of the Dallas chapter, second in command to his uncle. Jake was at a barbecue at his uncle’s when he got his Bandidos patch -- a “fat Mexican,” they call it: a round-bellied, grinning caricature with a handlebar mustache & sombrero, wielding a pistol in one hand & a machete in the other (bikers are not known for political correctness). Jake was so moved he cried that night as he stitched the patch onto his jacket under the glow of a flashlight in the backyard. “There’s a brotherhood, you know,” he said, explaining why he chose the life of a Bandidos biker. “It’s a good group of guys, & we like to do a lot of the same things -- ride motorcycles & have fun.”

It’s been a year since Jake & his dad last rode together as Bandidos. May 17, 2015. Destination: Waco. They were supposed to attend a regular meeting of a statewide umbrella organization called the **Confederation of Clubs**. The location was Twin Peaks, a biker-friendly, Hooters-style restaurant where cold beer is served by women in skimpy cutoff shorts. When the first Bandidos arrived from the Dallas chapter, they found about 60 members of a smaller biker club -- the Cossacks -- waiting. The Cossacks aren’t confederation members, & as far as the Bandidos from Dallas were concerned, they hadn’t been invited.

Accounts vary over what got the fists -- & the bullets -- flying on a Sunday afternoon that would mark the most violent day in Texas biker history. Police suspected something was up; they’d installed cameras & stationed about 20 cops around the parking lot. But they stood back, keeping a low profile.

Was the beef over what patches the Cossacks could wear, as police had theorized? Did somebody at Twin Peaks run over a Cossack prospect’s foot, as some witnesses suggest? Was it over who owed dues to whom? Or was it just a dumb beef about parking spots? Words were exchanged at first, then pushes, & then punches. Witnesses said somebody fired 3 shots. Other people pulled guns & all hell broke loose. It lasted less than 2 minutes & when it was over, 9 bikers had been fatally shot & 18 were wounded, including Chris, who took a bullet in the shoulder. Jake said he had been backing his midnight blue Harley into a parking space when the brawl blew up around him. Father & son lost each other in the confusion, & for a time each believed the other had been killed.

Nearly a year after the deadly melee, the Carrizals & half a dozen other bikers -- both Bandidos & Cossacks -- are speaking out. They agreed to appear on camera & talk for the first time about their clubs, their culture & the events in Waco. Bandidos leader Jeff Pike, known as “El Presidente,” also broke his long silence. He said he likes things quiet & never had a reason to speak

out before Waco. After 177 bikers were arrested, bail initially was set at \$1 million each. Jake spent 23 days behind bars before his bail was lowered enough that he could post bond. He sold one of his bikes to come up with the required 10% in cash. A local grand jury later indicted 154 bikers -- including the Carrizals -- on a single, generic count of engaging in organized criminal activity. A conviction carries a stiff penalty: from 5 years to life in prison. But nobody seems to be able to pin down the specific crimes alleged, or to even get a trial date. Local officials aren’t talking.

The bikers say they’re eager for the chance to defend themselves. They say the man who fired the 1st shots is dead & everyone else was acting in self-defense. Both Cossacks & Bandidos see themselves as crime victims. But this wasn’t just a matter for the local police. The feds had been building a case against the Bandidos unrelated to the Waco shootout & showed their hand in Jan, when an indictment was unsealed in San Antonio. It names 3 Bandidos leaders, including Pike, as masterminds of a racketeering conspiracy & meth distribution ring. The indictment alleges the club masks a criminal empire that rules through extortion, intimidation & murder. All 3 have pleaded not guilty. The feds allege they found “a closed society” in which loyalty “to this organization & their fellow brothers is valued above all else.” Bandidos, according to the indictment, “do not fear authority & have a complete disdain for the rules of society.”

‘People our parents warned us about’: Bandidos refer to nonbikers as “polite society” & the club motto says it all: “We are the people our parents warned us about.” They are in the biker big leagues, 1 of 4 major MCs. The other 3 are the Hells Angels, the Pagan’s & the Outlaws. Members of those clubs as well as some others are known as “outlaw bikers” or “one-percenters.” Make no mistake: To Bandidos, the label “outlaw biker” is a point of pride. To be a one-percenter means the rules for 99% of the riders on the road don’t apply to you. “To us it’s a family thing, it’s not a criminal organization,” Chris Carrizal said. “We love each other & we love to ride & we’re proud to wear that fat Mexican on our back. For people who don’t understand, being in the Bandidos means you’ve reached the top, you’re like the CEO.”

To both father & son, being a one-percenter is a commitment. “I’m a Bandido 24/7,” Chris said. “I’m not a poser. I’m not a yuppie, a wannabe. I live the life of a professional motorcyclist. I am a one-percenter.” Until Waco, the Bandidos didn’t take the Cossacks seriously. At best, they were “an aspirational club,” in the words of Donald Charles Davis, a Vietnam vet, biker & former newspaper reporter who writes *The Aging Rebel*, a blog followed religiously by bikers. He’s working on a book about the Waco shootout.

The Cossacks motto: “We take care of our own.” “We’re working guys, man, & that’s the whole problem,” said Owen Reeves, a national Cossacks leader. “We’re working guys, & if you try to take something from a working guy, then you’re gonna have hell doing it. “You know, them guys, they wanna control everything & make you pay this, pay that, & we’re not gonna do it,” he said of the Bandidos. “We’re grown men, & last time I checked, we live in America.”

Both the Bandidos & the Cossacks were founded in Texas during the 1960s -- the Bandidos in 1966 in Houston & the Cossacks 3 years later in Tyler, in east Texas. There has never been any love lost between them. At the time the 2 clubs started,

disillusioned Vietnam veterans were returning from an unpopular war to an unwelcoming society. They no longer fit in at home & felt most comfortable in a structured hierarchy of men with the shared experiences of war, their brothers in arms. MCs offered that sense of camaraderie, Davis said. The Cossacks might have been ambitious, he added, but before Waco the Bandidos viewed them as little more than a nuisance. "They're in their own little world. I have no respect for them," said Chris Carrizal. Sprinkling his speech with F-bombs, he added that Cossacks "have no idea what it's like to be a 1%er or what it is to be in a real club."

As for what happened at Waco, he said, "they showed their true colors that day." Most people learned about outlaw bikers through popular culture. The 2 best examples are "The Wild One," the 1953 movie starring Marlon Brando, & gonzo writer Hunter S. Thompson's 1966 account of the time he spent with the Oakland, Calif, chapter of the Hells Angels. More recently, Kurt Sutter's **FX** series, "Sons of Anarchy," romanticized the biker life, although Davis & other bikers say it took some poetic license. Although MCs now can be found around the world, there's something uniquely American about the one-percenters who live outside the restrictions imposed by "polite society." They live by their own rules, which as any biker will tell you, might make them outlaws, but doesn't mean they're criminals. Davis compares them to the cowboys who won the West, sprinkling his anecdotes with classical literary & cultural references. "The motorcycle outlaw world is the last manifestation of the American frontier," he said. They are bad boys, & who doesn't like a colorful bad boy?

'Big dogs & little dogs': Cops & Fed agents might view outlaw bikers as criminals, said Davis, but he understands the draw the outlaw biker holds for others in 2016. He sees it as a response to the discontent & perceived unfairness that recently hung like a pall over American society. He compares the renewed interest in outlaw biker clubs to the rise of the tea party & Occupy Wall Street, movements that themselves now seem dated. Davis hasn't just studied everything academics have to say about biker clubs. His education also comes from the streets. He used to belong to a club but won't say which one, except that today it would be considered a "one-percent" club. Besides ongoing conversations with bikers from around the world, he reads everything he can get his hands on, from court documents to doctoral dissertations. "Bikers are predominantly libertarian," he said. They aren't much different from men who, in another era, "needed elbow room from society & so they ran off to Kentucky, to Texas, to California, to Alaska. ..." It's a cultural note that resonates in the Lone Star State. Texans are famously fond of cowboys, & they can't resist an outlaw with a good mustache & some panache.

Terry Katz, a Baltimore-based state police investigator, has been following biker gangs since the 1980s. Katz is **VP** of a 600-member group called the **International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association**. He said the Bandidos, being the dominant club, saw little choice but to stand up to a challenge from the Cossacks. "These guys aren't going to put up with anybody disrespecting them," Katz said. As bikers see it, Waco shows "they were just taking care of business."

Davis agreed that Waco was all about respect. The club on top demanded it, & the ambitious challengers grew weary of bowing down. "At the end of the day, the Bandidos are the big dogs," said Katz, "and you can't stay a big dog if you let a little dog intimidate you."

Regardless of what started the gunfight at Waco -- whether it was over a patch or a parking space -- it's "irrelevant to everybody else," Katz said. But respect matters to a biker. Respect for your club is worth dying for. "These guys are not going to put up with anybody disrespecting them," Katz said. "If you put nitro & glycerin together, eventually you're going to have an explosion." Could the bad blood & resulting violence really have been over a patch, as police said? In addition to wearing the "fat Mexican," the Bandidos & some of their support clubs -- smaller biker groups loyal to the dominant club -- also sport what's known as a "Texas bottom rocker." It's a curved patch sewn onto the lower back of a biker's vest that announces his territory. Bandidos also ask their support clubs to wear the round Bandidos "support cookie" patch. Cossacks started wearing the large Texas bottom rocker panel on the back of their vests in 2013, according to the indictment. They didn't ask anyone for permission. The Bandidos responded by letting everyone, even their smallest support clubs, wear the Texas rocker, diluting its prestige, Jake & other members said. Bandidos Pres Pike said the Cossacks even thanked them on social media. But the dispute over the Texas rocker brought up another sticking point. The support clubs pay dues of \$50 a month, but the Cossacks were refusing to pay for what one Cossack described to **CNN** as "the privilege of riding my motorcycle in Texas."

Reeves, the Nat'l Cossacks leader, acknowledged to police that "there's a lot of residual hatred" that "needs to be over." Cossacks were tired of being hassled over wearing the Texas rocker patch. That simple fact, he added, accounted for "80%" of their issues with the Bandidos. "We're a MC. We want to be left alone. We just want to ride, & to ride in **TX**" said another Cossack who spoke with **CNN** under a pseudonym, "Dean." Paying dues to someone else is an obvious irritant, said Dean, who was at Waco: "Why am I going to pay dues if I'm a part of myself? It doesn't make sense why I'm going to pay someone to be able to ride my motorcycle in the state of Texas." Pike said all this Cossacks resentment is a recent development. "We talked about it & said 'Where did this hatred come from?' It just popped up," the Bandidos Pres said. "Those guys have been around as long as we have almost, & we never hung out together or anything, but we never bothered each other, either. And in the past 2 years, it's just gone crazy."

'We are at war': There are almost as many versions of what caused the tension between the Bandidos & Cossacks as there are Bandidos & Cossacks. But the Fed indictment is as good a place as any to start. It lays out a series of skirmishes between the clubs during the months leading up to Waco. Pike & the other 2 Bandidos leaders named in the indictment were nowhere near Waco on the day of the shootout. (All 3 have pleaded not guilty.) And, indeed, it makes no mention of Waco. But it does provide a brief, official version of the bad blood building between the 2 clubs. The Bandidos are a huge, international club with 175 chapters -- 42 of them in Texas. The Cossacks also are a Texas club, & much smaller, with maybe 200 members across the state. But they are ambitious. They'd been on a recruiting spree, & as 2015 began, they were standing up to the Bandidos again. By Feb 2015, Pike was stepping aside as Nat'l Pres of the Bandidos & taking a health leave. Pike handed responsibility over to his number 2, V.P. John Xavier Portillo. It was Portillo who informed club members that they were at war with the Cossacks, according to the indictment. The first clash came in Nov 2013, when 10 Bandidos confronted a group of Cossacks in Abilene. A knife fight broke out, & 4 Cossacks were seriously hurt. "This is our town. If you come back, I will kill you," the president of the Bandidos'

Abilene chapter allegedly warned, according to the indictment, which didn't name him. About a year later, Portillo again told club members about the ongoing war. A group of Bandidos crashed a sports bar during a meeting between the Cossacks & their support clubs. A member of a support club called the Ghost Riders was shot & killed. As they left, the Bandidos slapped one of their club stickers on the bar door. In March 2015, the indictment states, Portillo told Pike to "turn his back from what I'm gonna do" in what prosecutors' claim was an attempt "to shield Pike from criminal responsibility" regarding the war with the Cossacks. He allegedly repeated on March 3 that the Bandidos were "at war" with the Cossacks, stating that he "wants that Texas rocker back," referring to the patch. Later, on March 20 & 21, the Bandidos went on a "birthday run" to celebrate the anniversary of their Tyler, Texas, chapter. Tyler, of course, was the birthplace of the Cossacks. Portillo, according to the indictment, urged 4 Bandidos to "shake up (expletive)" & "get a little aggressive" with the Cossacks. Then, on March 22, about 20 Bandidos swarmed a Cossack pumping gas in Palo Pinto County. They demanded his vest, which included the Texas rocker, & beat him with a claw hammer, according to the indictment. On May 1, the Texas Joint Crime Information Center issued a bulletin warning of "escalating conflict" between the Bandidos & Cossacks. It listed additional confrontations -- including a March 22 assault of a lone Cossack by about 10 Bandidos in Lorena, a plan in which 100 Bandidos would ride to Odessa on April 11 to start a "war" with the Cossacks, & reports of 3 confrontations between Bandidos & Cossacks in east Texas on April 24. As the bulletin stated: "This conflict may stem from Cossacks members refusing to pay the Bandidos dues for operating in Texas & for claiming Texas as their territory by wearing the Texas bottom rocker on their vests."

'Cossacks all over me': The Cossacks said they came to Twin Peaks to talk about a truce. The Bandidos say they rolled up on an ambush. By noon, about 60 or 70 Cossacks had already lined up their bikes in the best parking spots at Twin Peaks. They had the run of the patio, too, when Jake & the others from Dallas pulled up. The Bandidos had wanted to get there early to stake out a good table. They said they hadn't counted on seeing any Cossacks there. Jake spotted an empty section along the row of parked bikes & started to back his Harley into the spot on the end. "As I'm backing in, I see that whole patio where the Cossacks were -- they all cleared out & came to the parking lot," he said. He spotted batons, brass knuckles & clubs & immediately knew: "They weren't there to chit-chat. They were on a mission. They were there to confront us." He was surrounded. That saying about your whole life flashing before your eyes? It's true, Jake said. "All I can think about was my kids, & my girlfriend, & my whole life, you know? And just seeing them with brass knuckles. Who does that, you know?" When he saw the first punch thrown, he knew it was on. "They were attacking us. And I was fighting for my life," he recalled. "I had guys all over me - Cossacks all over me," Jake said. The Bandidos behind Jake didn't have time to shut off their bikes before the Cossacks were all over them, too, Jake & his father said. "One of these punks, he comes out shooting like Rambo," Chris Carrizal said. "It was planned out, man, it was planned. They were waiting for us. They were waiting to kill as many of us as possible. There's no doubt in my mind. We weren't there to murder anybody; we weren't there to hurt anybody." Lying on the ground, Jake pulled one of his assailants close, using him as a shield. "And the whole time, I'm hearing gunshots go off. I hear the shots going off, whizzing by me. And you know, my

dad's there, my uncle's there, I'm there & my brothers are there," Jake said. "If I'm not getting hit, someone's getting hit." And it's just a bad feeling. Horrible feeling. Scary feeling. "I've never been that scared in my life." Somebody pulled the people off Jake, & he crawled under a truck for cover. He saw a biker lying on the ground & wondered, Was it Dad? "That's when it hit me," Jake said. "(The biker) wasn't moving, he was laying on his back, & without a doubt he was killed. It was hard to see. It was hard to comprehend, & I remember yelling for my dad, because I knew he was somewhere there." Then he saw his father appear around a corner, helped along by 2 police officers. He was a bloody mess, but he was walking. "That was an awesome feeling," Jake said. "He got shot in the back, in the shoulder, & as bad as that image was seeing my dad full of blood, it was awesome seeing him, knowing that he was alive." Chris Carrizal had wondered if he was a goner at 52. "When I first fell & hit the ground, I could feel the blood coming out of my shoulder, & I was thinking, 'That's it. That's it, you know, I'm going to die right here today & there's nothing I can do about it,'" he recalled. He thought he'd seen his son's body, too. The dead biker he spotted wore square-toed boots, just like Jake does. "I said, 'Man, Jake's dead, he's laying there dead.'" His voiced trailed off as he fought back tears. "It was tough, man, but luckily it wasn't him." Someone brought Chris to Jake. He laid his dad down on a grassy strip by the parking lot, resting his father's head on his lap. "He was on blood thinners," Jake recalled, "and he was telling me, 'You take care of the boys, & you take care of Mom.'" Jake didn't want to hear that. He urged his father, "Be strong, you'll make it." Only later would he find out how lucky his dad had been. A few millimeters to the left & the bullet would have killed him. A little to the right, & he would have been paralyzed. Ambush or not, the simple truth is the Cossacks got the worst of it. When the guns finally fell silent, 7 Cossacks lay dead - guys with road names like Rattle Can, Side Track, Diesel, Trainer, Chain, Bear & Dog. Just 1 of the Bandidos - "Candyman" - was killed, along with an unaffiliated biker, a 65-year-old Vietnam vet with Bandidos friends. Afterward, police recovered more than 470 weapons, including 151 firearms.

Operation Texas Rocker: The Feds came for El Presidente before dawn on the first Wed in Jan. Nearly 8 months had passed since the fight in Waco, but Bandidos leader Pike hadn't been there for that. He was waking up after colon surgery when his wife told him about the shootout with the Cossacks. Through the haze, it seemed surreal. Still does. Pike might not have been at Twin Peaks, but the feds see him as the shot-caller, which is why they'd come calling. They had an indictment naming Pike as the head of a 2,000-member gang that murders & beats rivals, deals methamphetamine, engages in extortion, wages war with its enemies & terrorizes witnesses. Pike is confident the Gov't will be unable to directly link him to illegal activity. The indictment does not accuse Pike of specific crimes; instead, it places him at the top of the Bandidos & alleges he benefited from the crimes of others. In announcing the indictment hours after Pike's arrest, the **DEA's** Joseph Arabit said their investigation -- dubbed "Operation Texas Rocker" -- had "inflicted a debilitating blow to the leadership hierarchy & violent perpetrators of the Bandidos **OMG.**" On that early morning in Jan, armed agents quietly circled Pike's house, set on 5 acres in Conroe, a straight 45-mile shot north of Houston on I-45. Over a loudspeaker, they ordered Pike to surrender. Nobody was more surprised to see that **SWAT** team than Pike, who at age 60 has been with the Bandidos for 36 years & Presidente for the last 11. He'd been investigated a few

times before but never arrested, which made him a standout among Bandidos leaders.

His 4 predecessors had all gone to prison for various acts of mayhem. Bandidos founder Donald Chambers & 2 others were convicted of murder for killing 2 drug dealers after making them dig their own graves. Pike said he likes things quiet. He insisted he's boring. He staggered sleepily out of the house in bare feet, his hands in the air. He recognized one of the agents. And then he saw the armored vehicle. He knew this was serious. "There's an Army tank-looking thing with red & blue lights on it in my driveway," he said. "But they said, 'Come on out, keep your hands up.' And I walked out, & it was very cordial." He said he's grateful agents didn't trash his house. "They didn't wreck my gate; they didn't even drive on the grass. I made sure my dog didn't get out. I was very appreciative of the way they arrested me." And then he read the indictment & didn't see anything to worry about. "There's nothing in that indictment that says I did anything," he said. "But the cops got an old saying: 'You might beat the rap, but you're not going to beat the ride.' So I'm just going to have to play along here for a while."

He said the feds have 800 hours of taped conversations. He is like a ghost in them, he said, except for a brief mention in a single phone call. If he's a shot-caller, he appears to be a very well-insulated one. "Somebody mentioned my name in a telephone call," Pike said. "That's why I got arrested. I mean that's ridiculous." He wonders aloud what the point of all this might be. What do the feds want? "Are they out to just destroy us, or do you want to make good citizens out of us?"

Like the local police, the Feds aren't talking. Legal observers expect more Fed indictments to come, naming more Bandidos as participants in the alleged conspiracy. Waco could prove to be fertile ground, supplying future Fed witnesses - & defendants. There are also signs that Fed investigators' interest expanded after Waco to include the Cossacks. They seem to have caught the eye of the DEA, in particular, according to an internal memo obtained by CNN. "I don't think they're gonna try anybody in Waco," said Houston lawyer Paul Looney, who represents an arrested Cossack & a couple caught up in the melee. "I think the entire detention in Waco is a babysitting exercise while the feds complete their investigation. There'll be a superseding Fed indictment out of San Antonio in which a lot of the people that were arrested in Waco go into that indictment, & the Waco prosecutions will just go by the by."

'He had a real fighting heart': A year later, Bandidos & Cossacks look back on Waco & shake their heads at the violence they witnessed. Nearly everyone says it caught them by surprise. Some of the older guys say it reminded them of combat. Many still struggle with having been forced to leave bleeding "Brothers" behind. Reeves, the Cossacks leader, was shot -- & so was his son. "I was on the ground," he told police, according to his statement, which CNN obtained. "I can't see anybody pull the trigger but I heard a s--- ton of bullets flying. It was pop-pop, nonstop. And I didn't wanna get up. I didn't even wanna turn my head & see where it was coming from. I was trying to be still so they didn't pop me, thinking I was still alive. Being honest man, I, I was f---ing scared." When the shooting stopped, Reeves said, he looked up & saw a fellow biker "with a hole in his head." And then he saw his son, dying. "He got clipped in the head. My son got shot in the head, & started bleeding out next to me. And I started

trying to deal with him," Reeves told police. "The other guys were trying to resuscitate him, & he had a real fighting heart, but (police) made us leave, & he just got left." Another Cossack said he, too, was troubled by the wounded bikers left behind in the mayhem. He believes more might have survived if they'd received prompt medical attention. "Would I take a bullet for a brother? I have, even though I was unarmed. I was there," said Dean, the Cossack who spoke with CNN on the condition his identity not be revealed. "I still remember the blood coming out of me, the pain, the people around me being shot," Dean said. "It just seems like it happened so fast, but it took forever for it to end." He said nobody meant for Waco to happen, & he struggles to understand why it did. He's asked the question that has been on everyone's mind: What did all those people die for? "It almost looks like stupidity," he said, pausing & searching for a better reason. He seems relieved when one comes to mind. "They died protecting other people," Dean said. "They were the ones who took the hits. They were the ones who stopped the bullets from hitting other people." It sounds so much more noble. Because, as the Cossacks & Bandidos kept telling us, dying over a patch would be stupid.

How this story was reported: Bikers who might never have considered talking to outsiders before Waco recently spoke with CNN. Some were in the thick of the violence, others were hundreds of miles away. Most face serious prison time. CNN also obtained voluminous documentation, including witness statements, & hours of video evidence from Waco police dash cams, as well as a cameras police set up in the restaurant parking lot. CNN also obtained & reviewed videos from the Twin Peaks surveillance cameras. That evidence, along with interviews with experts & bikers from both clubs, form the basis of the documentary, "Biker Brawl: Inside the Texas Shootout," which airs for the 1st time on Mon at 9 pm on CNN.

Where things stand:

- **The US Atty's Office** for the Western District of TX has indicted the highest-ranking members of the Bandidos organization, charging them with racketeering acts including murder, attempted murder, assault, intimidation, extortion, & drug trafficking.
- **Jeffrey Fay Pike**, the group's Nat'l Pres; John Xavier Portillo, the group's Nat'l V.P.; & Justin Cole Forster, the group's Nat'l Sgt-at-arms, were arrested on Jan 6, 2016.
- **Portillo & Forster** have both entered not guilty pleas, & remain in Fed custody. Pike has also pleaded not guilty & has been out on bond since mid-Jan.
- **Jury selection** & trial is scheduled for all 3 defendants on Oct 11, 2016, before U.S. District Judge David Ezra in San Antonio.
- May 17, 2016, marks one year since a deadly brawl at the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, Texas, between members of the Bandidos & Cossacks MCs. Nine bikers died in the shootout, & 18 others were injured.
- **154 of the 177 bikers** arrested have been indicted by a Waco grand jury on charges of engaging in organized criminal activity, which comes with a maximum sentence of life in prison. All the bikers are out of jail on bond, awaiting trial dates.
- **According to Waco police**, 44 shell casings fired by L.E. were recovered from the scene.

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Respecting My Elders, & Helping Others When I can...
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Mayans MC - May 16, 2016 – U.S.A. – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Get ready to have more Kurt Sutter style biker authenticity shoved down your throat. Sutter & FX Networks announced last week that the writer & the soulless corporation will collaborate on a **Sons of Anarchy** spinoff to be titled **Mayans MC**. Throughout the run of the first show, viewers were encouraged to believe that **SoA** was an expose of life in the **Hells Angels**. Viewers were also supposed to understand that the **Mayans** was a stand-in for the **Mongols MC**. Now the **Mayans / Mongols** are getting their own show. “In the spirit of **SoA**, **Mayans MC** will be a dark, visceral family drama that takes a new look at the most American of icons, the 1% outlaw, this time reflected through a Latino lens,” is how **FX** describes the new business venture. Sutter told *The Hollywood Reporter* that the new show’s “tone, pace, storytelling will be unique.” **SoA** was set in Northern Calif. **THR** reports that **Mayans MC** will be set someplace else. Sutter’s collaborator on the show will be filmmaker, musician & reputed badass Elgin James.

Elgin James: As the web magazine *Deadline Hollywood* put it, “James’ bio reads like the story of a **SoA** character.” According to various biographies, James is of “mixed race” & was raised by pacifist, “civil rights activists” on a farm. James was brutally beaten by those pacifists who also smoked marijuana. He told *The New Yorker*, “I’d grown up terrified of the world. Nights spent curled in a ball trying to disappear in the crack between my bed & the wall while my mother screamed for my father to stop. The worst thing about a 7-year-old being punched by a grown man is that you become emotionally frozen at that age.” James became a vegetarian when he was eleven & during his adolescence he was inspired by civil rights Attys William Kunstler & Morris Dees. He attended Antioch College in Ohio when he was 17 but was beaten there too in some sort of “gang fight.” He apparently dropped out & began to read & identify with Malcolm X, Stokely Carmichael & Huey Newton. Eventually, he drifted to Boston & founded a group called “**Fuck Shit Up**” which has now been rechristened “**Friends Stand United**.” **FSU** members shared an interest in punk music & developed a reputation for rat packing random victims. “What we lacked in numbers we made up for in viciousness,” James said. According to an article by Debbie Catalano in *Soundcheck Magazine*, “The founding core of **FSU** eventually splintered, with a large section moving on to motorcycle gangs like the **Outlaws** & later the **Mongols**.”

James’ Career: James made a couple of films about **FSU** titled *Boston Beatdown* & *Boston Beat Down II*, then a short film titled *Goodnight Moon* & a feature titled *Little Birds* in 2009, He entered the last film at the Sundance Film Festival in 2011. It won & Hollywood beat a path to his door. That year he was arrested for the attempted extortion of a musician named Tony Lovato & eventually did a year in prison. The conviction seemed to have enhanced James charisma & tough guy credibility. “I wanted to find a strong, unique Latino voice. Because I didn’t think a white guy from Jersey should be writing about Latin culture & traditions. Elgin is that voice,” said Sutter. Both Sutter & James are represented by the William Morris Endeavor talent agency. No casting decisions have yet been announced.

Hells Angels boss Dani Death wounded – May 16, 2016 - *Argentine* – By www.BuenosAiresNews.net - A shootout between 2 motorcycle gangs has left 4 people wounded in Argentina, authorities said, evoking scenes reminiscent of a Hollywood outlaw biker movie transplanted to the South American plains.

Some 150 bullets were fired outside a highway gas station as the Argentine chapter of the **Hells Angels** faced off against another local gang, **Los Tehuelches**, named for an indigenous group native to the region, officials said. One witness said some of the bikers had a gun in each hand as they did battle on Sat at an intersection some 70 kilometres west of Buenos Aires. The 4 wounded included the leaders of both gangs, Dani Death (real name Dani Diaz Leon) of the **Hells Angels** & Leo Gatto of **Los Tehuelches**. Police arrested both men, along with eight others. Founded in the United States, the **Hells Angels** has branches in some 20 countries & is often implicated in drug & arms trafficking & other organised crime. **Los Tehuelches** are a rival Argentine gang with neo-Nazi leanings & mainly police officers & retired policemen for members. Dani Death, 54, a professional bodyguard who appears frequently on reality TV shows in Argentina, was hit seven times in the shootout despite wearing a bullet-proof vest. He underwent surgery Monday for the second time in 2 days. Police are investigating what caused the gangs to attack each other.

Felon held in gun case admits he's an Outlaw, court paper says – May 17, 2016 – *Mississippi* – By Robin Fitzgerald; www.SunHerald.com - A felon accused of selling guns has said he's been a member of the **Outlaws** motorcycle gang "his entire life," a court order said. Russell Gene Clack, 35, has been denied bond because of that & other allegations discussed at his detention hearing in Fed court last week. The **FBI** considers the **Outlaws** motorcycle club to be a gang & heavily involved in drug trafficking & racketeering. The **FBI** also considers the club one of the most dangerous motorcycle gangs in the nation. Clack also is suspected of selling meth, court papers show.

Clack is the man arrested April 19 after a pursuit that started at Ladner & Faith streets in Waveland. He had arrived to sell guns as drug task force agents gathered to arrest him, according to a criminal complaint. Clack had unknowingly talked with an undercover agent by phone about gun sales in Feb & March, the document said. The agent reportedly bought 2 .38-caliber handguns from Clack on Feb. 3 at a home on Sycamore Street in Bay St. Louis. Clack gave the agent a sample of crystal meth, the document said, & told the agent he could provide large amounts of crystal meth, or ice, with little notice. The agent also claims to have negotiated a price with Clack & a confidential informant for 2 more guns, which led to Clack's arrest. Clack allegedly was prepared to sell 2 more guns on April 19. Clack reached the meeting place in Waveland & told an informant the guns were in his **SUV**, the complaint said. Agents rushed to arrest him but he fled in his **SUV**, agents said, & was arrested after a brief pursuit. Agents said they seized a 9 mm semi-automatic handgun & a 16-gauge sawed-off shotgun from his **SUV**.

A public defender had asked that Clack's detention hearing be delayed. Court records show more information about Clack was revealed at Thu's hearing in addition to his alleged confession of gang membership. Clack had been living with friends in Picayune & has not been employed since 2013, Magistrate Judge Robert Walker wrote in a detention order. Clack had denied recent drug use, but tested positive for meth & amphetamines after his arrest, the judge wrote. Also, Clack has been convicted of manufacturing meth in Shelby County, Tenn., in 2011, & has a theft conviction. He also is wanted in DeSoto County for failing to appear in court. The lead investigator in the Fed case is a Homeland Security Investigations agent assigned to the **DEA High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force**. The allegations have been turned over to a Fed grand jury.

Happy Anniversary Waco - May 17, 2016 – *Texas* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Today is the anniversary of the notorious “biker brawl” in the parking lot of the Twin Peaks restaurant & time is now running out for the tyrants of Waco. After a long interregnum there is suddenly a flood of legal filings pertinent to the case. For example, James Winton, who represents a couple of Twin Peaks customers identified only as “**M.K.H.**” & “**C.R.H.**,” served a subpoena on the Waco **PD** custodian of records last **Fri** at 10:45 a.m. The subpoena also serves notice that Winton intends to depose the custodian of records on June 3 in Dallas. The list of what Winton is looking is interesting & speaks for itself. It summarizes some of the reasonable questions that the City of Waco & its officials & McLennan County & its officials have been refusing to address for the last 366 days.

Subpoenaed:

1. Writings or Recordings relied on by Waco Police Sgt Pat Swanton in making the following public statements:
 - a. “What happened here today could have been avoided. They failed & this is what happened.”
 - b. “This is one of the worst gun fights we’ve ever had in the city limits. They started shooting at our officers.”
 - c. “None of our innocent civilians were injured today in this melee.”
 - d. “The management wanted them here.”
 - e. “Management knew that there were issues, & we were here, but they continued to let these groups of people into their business.”
 - f. “These are very dangerous, hostile criminal biker gangs.”
 - g. “Their action has saved lives by keeping this from spilling into a busy Sunday morning.”
 - h. “The simple answer is we were not welcomed by management here.”
 - i. “We have been made aware in the last few months of rival biker gangs – rival criminal biker gangs – being here & causing issues. We have attempted to work with the local management of Twin Peaks to get that cut back, to no avail. They have not been of much assistance to us.”
 - j. Waco Police “described the management as uncooperative with authorities in addressing concerns about gangs.”
 - k. “Are we frustrated? Sure. Because we feel there may have been more that could have been done by a business to prevent this.”
 - l. “[P]olice officers were at the sports bar when the fighting began & had secured the area because they ‘knew the chance for violence was significant.’”
 - m. The fight “began in a restroom before pouring into the restaurant & quickly moving into a patio area & then into the parking lot.”

Warning:

2. Writings or Recordings that refer, relate, or pertain to any advice, warning, or discussion held by You with anyone acting on behalf of Twin Peaks Waco that related to any potential danger to the general public, Twin Peaks Waco, its employees or patrons by hosting bike nights or by allowing meeting of May 17, 2015 to proceed.
3. Writings or Recordings that refer, relate, or pertain to any investigation of criminal activity at Twin Peaks Waco at any time prior to May 17, 2015.
4. Writings or Recordings that refer, relate, or pertain to any investigation of motorcycle clubs or bike nights at Twin Peaks, Waco at any time prior to May 17, 2015. **Page 12**

Investigation:

5. Writings or Recordings that refer, relate, or pertain to any investigation of motorcycle clubs or bike nights at any other event or venue in Texas during the period May 17, 2014 – May 17, 2015.
6. Writings or Recordings that refer, relate, or pertain to any investigation of Don Carlos prior to the incident.
7. Calls for service concerning Waco Twin Peaks at any time between August 1, 2014 through May 17, 2015.
8. 911 calls & transcripts of 911 calls concerning Waco Twin Peaks at any time between August 1, 2014 through May 17, 2015.
9. Calls for service concerning any other business in the Central Texas Marketplace, 2400 West Loop 340, Waco, Texas 76711, including but not limited to Don Carlos, at any time between August 1, 2014 through May 17, 2015.

Who And What:

10. With regard to Waco **P.D.**, Public Information Release of June 12, 2015:
 - a. All Writings or Recordings that identify the officers or **L.E.** Agency personnel, by rank & assignment, “initially assigned to the Twin Peaks event on May 17, 2015.”
 - b. All Writings or Recordings that identify the “Texas Dept of Public Safety Officers assigned to the event.”
 - c. All Writings or Recordings that identify Your vehicles, by make & model, present “at the time the suspects began the shooting.”
 - d. Operations plan, tactical or otherwise, including notes from any preparatory meetings discussing the planning, staffing, overtime forces needed, assignments, location / deployment of officers, weapons to be used, & defensive measures to be used such as helmets/body armor, including but not limited to bulletproof vests.
 - e. All Writings or Recordings that refer, relate, or pertain to the “Waco **SWAT** Officers’ weapons” discharged during the Incident. (You may comply with this request by producing a list of the weapons of Waco **SWAT** officers discharged during the Incident.)
 - f. All Writings or Recordings that refer, relate, or pertain to the ammunition fired by any **L.E.** Agency personnel during the incident. (You may comply with this request by producing a list of the ammunition fired by any **L.E.** Agency during the Incident.)
 - g. Scientific reports, including but not limited to fingerprints, firearms examination, trace material, **DNA**, & blood, Concerning the Incident.
 - h. Video or audio recording of the tactical element “assigned & present” at the “Twin Peaks event on May 17, 2015.”
 - i. Your policies & procedures that refer, relate, or pertain to threats of violence.
 - j. All Writings or Recordings that refer, relate, or pertain to the weapons discovered during Your search of the Crime Scene. (You may comply with this request by producing a list of the weapons discovered or recovered by any **L.E.** Agency during the Incident.)
 - k. Complete autopsy reports, including toxicology, gunshot residue test results, & any other scientific reports relating to the autopsies performed on Decedents.
 - l. All Writing or Recording that refers, relates or pertains to the items sent to the **ATF** for analysis. (You may

comply with this request by producing a list of the items seized as a result of the Incident that were sent to the **ATF** for analysis.)

- m. Photographs of all items sent to the **ATF** for analysis.
- n. "Completed & final results" of firearms analysis performed by **ATF**.
- o. List of all videos sent to the **FBI** for analysis.
- p. Copies of all videos sent to the **FBI** for analysis.
- q. "Completed & final results" of video analysis performed by the **FBI**.
- r. List of Your officers, by rank & assignment, in the "special organizational structure of the Twin Peaks Investigation" on & after May 17, 2015.
- s. Memorandum of understanding between You & the Texas Dept of Public Safety.
- t. Memorandum of understanding between You & the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.
- u. All Writings or Recordings that refer, relate, or pertain to the vehicles & motorcycles impounded by any **L.E.** Agency following & as a result of the Incident & Waco **P.D.**, Public Information Release, June 19, 2015, Attachment 5. (You may comply with this request by producing a list of the vehicles & motorcycles impounded by any **L.E.** Agency as a result of the actions of individuals in the Incident).
- v. All Writings or Recording that refer, relate, or pertain to the evidence recovered from the Crime Scene. (You may comply with this request by producing a list of all evidence recovered from the Crime Scene with the locations at which each was recovered.)
- w. All Writings or Recordings that refer, relate, or pertain to the 239 persons detained at the Crime Scene. (You may comply with this request by producing a list of persons detained at the Crime Scene.)
- x. All Writings or Recordings that refer, relate, or pertain to the 62 individuals released from the Crime Scene or the Convention Center without charges being filed. (You may comply with this request by producing a list of the 62 individuals released from the Crime Scene or the Convention Center without charges being filed.)
- y. Copies of all search warrants executed in this Incident investigation.

Electronic Records:

- 11. All Writings, Recordings or other communication, including text, e-mail, & radio, between Your officers or officers of any other **LE** Agency or & any other personnel of any **LE** Agency that refer, relate, or pertain to the Incident or to the anticipated May 17, 2015 event at Twin Peaks Waco.
- 12. All Writings or Recordings that refer, relate, or pertain to any communication with any ambulance, emergency room or other emergency medical personnel between August 1, 2014 & May 17, 2015.
- 13. Calls for service that refer, relate, or pertain to the Incident.
- 14. 911 calls & transcripts of 911 calls that refer, relate, or pertain to the Incident.
- 15. Data from the mobile data terminals (**MDTs**) in Your vehicles initially assigned to the Waco Twin Peaks on May 17, 2015 or that refer, relate, or pertain to Twin Peaks Waco between May 1 & May 17, 2015.

- 16. Data from the mobile data terminals (**MDTs**) in Your vehicles that responded to the Incident.
- 17. All video & audio recording of any aspect of the Incident made on May 17, 2015.

More:

- 18. All video & audio recording of any activity of the Bandidos, Cossacks or other motorcycle club, gang or organization between April 1 & May 17, 2015.
- 19. Your use of force policies in effect on May 17, 2015.
- 20. All witness statements, both written & recorded, taken from witnesses, including employees of Twin Peaks Waco & Don Carlos, that refer, relate, or pertain to the Incident.
- 21. Photographs, diagrams, & charts that refer, relate, or pertain to the Incident, the events leading up to it or to Twin Peaks Waco generally.
- 22. All Writings or Recordings that refer, relate, or pertain to communication with Waco City Council or the Waco Mayor regarding Twin Peaks Waco or any concern with the scheduled May 17, 2015 event at that location at any time prior to May 18, 2015. (You may comply with this request by producing a copy of each & every such communication.)
- 23. All Writings or Recordings that refer, relate, or pertain to communication with Waco City Council or the Waco Mayor that refers, relates or pertains to the Incident.

Still More:

- 24. With regard to Waco **P.D.**, Public Information Release, June 25, 2015, Attachment 6 hereto:
 - a. All Writing or Recording that refers, relates or pertains to the "rising tensions between the Bandidos & Cossacks in the state & the Waco area."
 - b. All Writing or Recording, including but not limited to bulletins, warnings, or information disseminated to **LE**, that refers, relates or pertains to the Bandidos, Cossacks, or the Texas Confederation of Clubs & Independents within the year preceding the Incident.
 - c. All Writing or Recording that refers, relates or pertains to the Bandidos, Cossacks, or any other MC or gang in Waco or McLennan County within the sixty days preceding the Incident.
 - d. All Writing or Recording that refers, relates or pertains to motorcycle gang or club activities in Texas within the sixty days preceding the Incident.
 - e. All Writing or Recording relied on by Sgt W. Patrick Swanton in making his statement that "we believe there is evidence to support that the violence that occurred at Twin Peaks between them was not a spontaneous or isolated incident."
- 25. All Writings & Recordings, including without limitation any [in car] dash camera recordings or other images from **LE** vehicles present at the Crime Scene before, during, or in response to the Incident.
- 26. All Writings & Recordings from external cameras & other images captured by any **L.E.** Agency recording device, including but not limited to pole cameras as well as any seized by any **L.E.** Agency from any arrestee, witness or other third party.
- 27. All Writings & Recordings, including without limitation, any security camera recordings made by or for Twin Peaks Waco, Don Carlos or any other source that refers, relates or pertains to the Incident.

28. All Writings & Recordings, including any video seized or collected by **LE** from any third party depicting the Crime Scene or the Incident.
29. All Writings & Recordings, including but not limited to field notes, reports, & **MDT** entries or logs, that refer, relate, or pertain to any visits made to Twin Peaks Waco by Your personnel.
30. All Writings & Recordings, including but not limited to field notes, reports, & **MDT** entries or logs, that refer, relate, or pertain to any visits made to Legends Cycles by Your personnel.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation holds Successful Washington, DC Advocacy Day – May 17, 2016 – U.S.A. – By **MRF**; www.MRF.org - Last week over 100 members of the **Motorcycle Riders Foundation** made the trip to **Washington, DC** to connect with elected officials from across the country in support of motorcyclists’ rights. 24 states were represented this year & more than 300 meetings with members of Congress & their staff took place over the course of May 10th, 11th, & 12th. Members of the **MRF** brought their bikes, as well as their personal stories from back home, to Capitol Hill & discussed issues critical to the 2016 **MRF**'s legislative agenda. Among these included opposing the **REFUEL** Act; supporting the **Motorsports Act**, as well as recommendations of the charter for the newly re-established **Motorcycle Advisory Council**. In addition, legislators heard about updating the definition of a motorcycle, as well as concerns over the profiling of motorcyclists. Every meeting attended by **MRF** members marked another critical step forward in building & maintaining relationships with congressional offices. Each meeting provided the opportunity to communicate directly with a wide array of lawmakers who are currently considering legislation that would affect the rights of motorcyclists. The **MRF** staff in **Washington, DC** will begin the process of follow-up with many of the offices that were targeted. However, it is imperative that local groups & clubs continue to advocate in your home states to ensure that progress continues. As constituents, the visits in the home district are extremely impactful. The talking points used on Capitol Hill can be found on the **MRF** website. A genuine thank you goes out to everyone who participated in this year’s **Bikers Inside the Beltway** event!

MRF provides leadership at the Fed level for states’ motorcyclists’ rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs & individual riders. The **MRF** is chiefly concerned with issues at the national & international levels that impact the freedom & safety of American street motorcyclists. The **MRF** is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling & its associated lifestyle, & works in conjunction with its member partners to help educate elected officials & policymakers in **Washington & beyond**. ***MRF Accomplishments:***

- 2015 **FAST ACT** passes the **US** Congress & moves to the **President’s** desk
- 2014 **MRF** helps **New York City** avoid **EPA** Stamp law
- 2014 **Walberg Amendment** passes, retaining the **NHTSA** ban
- 2013 **MRF** Testifies before the **EPA**
- 2012 **National Transportation Safety Board** Drops Motorcyclists From “**Top Ten**” List
- 2012 Established the **MRF MC** Committee to formally recognize the support of **MCs** & **Confederations**
- 2012 Established the **MRF Industry Council** giving aftermarket manufacturers the opportunity to be more involved with the bikers’ rights movement

- 2011 **MRF** met with **US DOT** Secretary **LaHood** to discuss backing off of the **NHTSA** funded motorcycle-only checkpoints & encouraged **LaHood** to reinstate... the **Motorcycle Advisory Council**
- 2011 Former State Senator & **MRF** Assistant to **Motorcycle Safety**, **Bob Letourneau** testifies before the **Highways & Transit Subcommittee** lauding the importance of motorcycle safety programs...
- 2009 Conceived & implemented the **MRF Awareness & Education** organization
- 2009 Participated in the **D.C. Motorcycle Caucus** 2009 – Met with the **RNC** for the first time in **MRF** history
- 2009 Held the first **National Motorcycle Lobby Day Event**
- 2009 Actively engaged in debate with the **CPSC** on the youth bike ban, which was eventually overturned
- 2007 **MRF** works with Congress against the **NTSB** push for **National helmet laws**.
- 2006 **MRF** was a key player in creating the **Nat’l Motorcycle Advisory Council**.
- 2006 **MRF** ushered 44 states into the **Fed Motorcycle Safety Program**, obtaining grants totaling \$6 million per year for State motorcycle safety programs.
- 2005 **MRF** was instrumental in defeat of Senator **Lautenberg’s** **National helmet law amendment**
- 2004 **MRF** releases “**EPA for the Layman**” for hwy cycles
- 2001 **Health Insurance Discrimination** rules challenged
- 2000 **MRF** & **New England** motorcyclists came together to stop **Helmet Law**
- 1998 **MRF** & **SMROs** persuade Congress to include **NHTSA** **Lobby Ban** & prohibition of motorcycle bans on federally funded roads in **Transportation Funding bill**.
- 1995 **MRF** & our **SMRO** Partners succeed in repealing the **Fed helmet law** blackmail against the states.
- 1991 **MRF** was instrumental in removing all references to **Motorcycle**” from the **DeDoncini Outlaw Gang Bill**
- 1987 The **MRF**, working with grass-roots activists, stopped legislation that would ban the sale of “**superbikes**”

Confederation of Clubs Goals

Bring the Patch holders Together:

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

Fight Police Harassment & Discrimination:

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

Proclamation of Intent:

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

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Biker Newsbytes: Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, NCOM

NCOM Convention Rolls Into Atlantic City: Odds are, it may not have been the largest Convention ever, but you can bet it was the largest venue, as nearly a thousand biker rights activists from across the U.S. converged at the sprawling Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City, New Jersey for the 31st Annual NCOM Convention, May 5-8, 2016. For more than 3 decades over Mother's Day weekend, the NCOM has provided a platform for diverse factions of the motorcycle community to come together in the spirit of unity & teamwork to address issues of mutual concern, such as pursuing Biker Anti-Profilng legislation; supporting Save the Patch litigation; & reviewing Freedom of the Road victories & defeats; as well as attending seminars on Holding Effective Fund Raisers, Organizational Effectiveness, & LE Interaction. A Safety & First Aid seminar was hosted by Master Motorcycle Trainer Christine Firehock of the Kickstart Motorcycle Training Series, followed by Sr. EMT Instructor Dick "Slider" Gilmore's popular life-saving presentation "The Golden Hour – How to Save a Biker's Life". Special Meetings were on the weekend's agenda in support of NCOM's many outreach programs for Women In Motorcycling; Clean & Sober Roundtable; Nat'l Sport Bike Association; & Christian Unity Conference, in addition to the Confederation of Clubs General Patch Holders Meeting, U.S. Defenders Program, NCOM-Legislative Task Force Meeting, & A.I.M. Attys Conference. During the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Sat evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to "Improving The Image of Motorcycling", including; Media: Jimmy & Pat Kay of Two Wheel Thunder TV; Legal: William Swatek, AIM Atty for Alabama; Entertainment: Singer/Songwriter Arlo Guthrie; Special Recognition: NCOM Christian Unity, & Bill Foley, former NCOM Board Member from ABATE of Pennsylvania. NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Louie Nobs, Liaison for NCOM Christian Unity. Next year's 32nd Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 11-14, 2017 at the Silver Legacy Resort & Casino, 407 N. Virginia St., in Reno, Nevada. For further information, contact NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com ...

Maryland Governor Signing Anti-Profilng Bill into Law: Hundreds of bikers descended on the State House in Annapolis on Thu, May 19, for a historic bill signing ceremony with Governor Larry Hogan signing only the 2nd Motorcycle Profilng measure in the country into law in Maryland. The motorcycle anti-profilng legislation passed unanimously through both chambers of the legislature, & without opposition from LE, & emulates anti-profilng legislation passed in the state of Washington in 2011. HB785/SB233, passed 47-0 in the Senate on 4/4 & 137-0 in the House on 4/7, requires a specified statement condemning motorcycle profilng to be included in police policies & require training of officers on "motorcycle profilng," defined in the legislation as "The arbitrary use of the fact that an individual rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related clothing or paraphernalia as a factor in deciding to stop, question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search the individual."

High Performance Racing Modifications need Protected: Bowing to political pressures & public outcry, the Fed EPA announced on April 15, 2016 that it would remove provisions from proposed regulations that would have prohibited street-legal vehicles, including motorcycles, from being modified for racing. But regardless of the Environmental Protection Agency backing off this issue at this time, Congress is considering bi-partisan legislation in both the House & Senate to guarantee that vehicles can continue to be modified for competition on the track. HR 4715 & S 2659, the RPM Act (Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2016), would ensure that the American tradition of modifying vehicles into dedicated racetrack competitors is not only continued for today, but will be protected for future generations of race fans as well.

Congress Acts to Curb Higher Ethanol Blended Fuel: In response to recent Congressional legislation promoting the use of E15 gasoline (HR 4673 Refuel Act), members of the U.S. House of Representatives have co-sponsored a measure to prevent the EPA from further forcing the controversial fuel onto the U.S. marketplace. E15 contains 50% more ethanol than previously-approved E10 gas, & has not been approved for use in motorcycles, ATVs & other small engine applications. In fact, even its inadvertent use can invalidate manufacturer warranties & cause damage. HR 5108 (the "Food & Fuel Consumer Protection Act of 2016) was introduced May 10, 2016 by U.S. Rep. Bill Flores (R-TX) "to alleviate the ethanol blend wall under the renewable fuel program." Specifically, the bipartisan bill would cap the ethanol content of fuel at 9.7%, & would also effect the EPA's Renewable Volume Obligations under the Renewable Fuel Standard. Under proposed RFS volume requirements for 2017, the EPA calls for 18.8 billion gallons of biofuel next year, representing a nearly 4% increase despite lower demand for higher ethanol blends. HR 5108 would also ensure continued availability of ethanol-free gasoline for older motorcycles.

Europe's Changing Emissions Laws Will Change Motorcycles: Your favorite bike may be influenced from afar. "This year promises to bring a record crop of new & updated models from virtually every manufacturer thanks to wide-ranging law changes coming into force thousands of miles away in Europe," according to Motorcyclist Magazine. "Those changes might not directly affect us, but given the way bikes are developed with global sales in mind many of the new models being developed to meet the latest European regulations are sure to be coming here too." On Jan 1, 2016, a whole new set of rules was adopted across Europe. "Regulation EU No 168/2013" makes significant changes -- in particular to exhaust emissions limits but also to things like braking systems & electronics. Tests for noise levels have also been changed. The emissions limits are of course much tighter; called "Euro 4," the new limits reduce the permissible levels of carbon monoxide, unburned hydrocarbons, & oxides of nitrogen in exhausts. Previously America's rules on emissions were tougher than Europe's, but now in order to pass the Euro 4 tests new bikes are being fitted with much larger exhausts & kits that include charcoal canisters to reduce evaporative emissions. "Next year we'll be seeing a lot more things like that," predicts Motorcyclist author Ben Purvis, explaining that "While the rules were passed into law back in 2013 & came into force at the start of 2016, their implementation is staggered to give manufacturers a chance to adapt." Since Jan 1st, all newly launched models have needed to comply to be legally sold in the EU. But the more important date is Jan 1, 2017, because that's the deadline when

existing models must also come into line, though manufacturers can apply for a 2-year extension. **What else is changing?** Emissions aside, the big change is that in Europe all bikes over 125cc will have to be fitted with **ABS** while smaller bikes will need to have either **ABS** or a combined braking system. There are also changes to the lighting rules, with daytime running lights becoming mandatory as well as **US**-style side reflectors. Europe is the closest to America in terms of the types of bike that are popular, but while Americans consume less than a half million motorcycles a year, riders in the **EU** purchase well over a million. Like lower emissions exhaust systems, economies of scale will likely dictate that even what's not legally required in the states -- like **ABS**--will become standard equipment on increasing numbers of our **US**-imported bikes, as it won't make sense for manufacturers to build different versions just to suit a relatively small number of American customers. Unfortunately, Regulation **EU** No 168/2013 also provides for the next-generation "**Euro 5**" emissions tests, tougher still, & the deadline for their implementation is less than 5 years away, beginning with 2020 new models.

BMW to Install "SOS" Button for Emergencies: **BMW** Motorrad has announced plans to offer a safety option on its bikes that would automatically contact emergency services in the case of an accident / emergency situation. The "Intelligent Emergency Call" system features a vehicle-integrated eCall system that's been available in **BMW**'s cars in Europe since 1999. The system will be extended to **BMW** motorcycles starting next year. According to **BMW**, in the case of an emergency or an accident, the bike's emergency system sends out the position data to a **BMW** Call Center to initiate the rescue chain. The system can either be triggered automatically by the bike, or manually by the rider.

No Helmet = No Gas: Due to a rise in motorcycle crashes attributed to "non-use of helmets," under a new penalty instituted in Bhagalpur, India, motorcyclists caught riding without a helmet will not be allowed to buy fuel, addition to other fines & penalties.

Paris Off-Limits to Older Motorcycles: Bikers with pre-2000 motorcycles will be banned from Paris, France. From July 1 all private cars registered before Jan 1, 1997 (for gas) & 2001 (for diesel) & all 2-wheelers before June 1, 2000, will be banned from Parisian streets on weekdays as part of the city's efforts to cut pollution that has at times seen the air in the capital more polluted than Beijing. The anti-pollution measures will be progressively extended so that by 2020 Paris will ban all cars registered before 2011 & all motorcycles before July, 2004.

Vespa Scooters Banned in Genoa: The mayor of Genoa, Italy, birthplace of Vespa inventor Enrico Piaggio, has decreed that Vespa motor scooters built before 1999 will be banned from the city's streets for 12 hours each weekday to reduce air pollution.

Delaware includes Motorcycles in Lemon Law: Although Delaware's "Lemon Law" previously excluded motorcycles & motor homes, SB 173 by Sen. Gary Simpson (R-Dover) now brings new motorcycles within the scope of the automobile Lemon Law. So-called "Lemon Laws" are consumer protections that provide a remedy for purchasers of new (and sometimes used) motor vehicles in order to compensate for products that repeatedly fail to meet codified standards of quality & performance. Every state has lemon laws on the books, but some specifically exclude motorcycles, though Fed lemon law protections also apply. With

bi-partisan support, Senate Bill 173 passed both chambers unanimously, 21-0 in the Senate on Jan 26, & 38-0 in the House on April 12, 2016, & was signed into law by Governor Jack Markell (D) on April 20th.

Settlements & Verdicts: Oregon Biker Settles for \$1.125 Million: In an ongoing effort to keep motorcyclists informed as to the results of the continuing battle for their legal rights, **Aid to Injured Motorcyclists** submits the following case study: About 2 years ago, an Oregon biker was hit by a delivery vehicle making a left turn across the biker's path. The biker suffered permanent damage to his leg & foot. Oregon **A.I.M.** Attorney Sam Hochberg had the case worked up right away by a private investigator. The corporate defendant approached Hochberg's law office, asking to settle. The case resolved in a mediation session for \$1,125,000.00. Sam Hochberg, incidentally, after 29 years with **A.I.M. & NCOM**, is now associated as "Of Counsel" with the new **Aid to Injured Motorcyclists** lawyer for both Oregon & Washington, Christopher Slater.

Quotable Quote: "Those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end." ~ C.S.Lewis (1898-1963) Irish scholar

My forgetter's getting better, But my rememberer is broke
To you that may seem funny; But, to me, that is no joke.

For when I'm "here" I'm wondering, If I really should be "there"
And, when I try to think it through, I haven't got a prayer!

Oft times I walk into a room, Say "what am I here for?"
I wrack my brain, but all in vain! A zero, is my score.

At times I put something away, Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from, Is, generally, me!

When shopping I may see someone, Say "Hi!" & have a chat,
When the person walks away, I ask myself, "who was that?"

Yes, my forgetter's getting better-While my rememberer is broke,
And it's driving me plumb crazy, And that isn't any joke.

Can You Relate? ? ? Please send this to everyone you know
because I Don't Remember Who I Sent This To! ! !

Biker Blessing: Bless this Bike & its Rider... Provide Protection
from the Elements, Road Hazards, & Other Travelers... Keep this
Bike & Rider Safe on Every Roadway...

Bikers United; Respect All Who Ride...
Born of a Warrior Nation...
Born To Raise Hell...

U.S. Defenders:

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

National Coalition of Motorcyclists...
An Idea Whose Time Has Come...