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Of which: 6 - Australia, 2 - Norway, 2 - England & 3 - Sweden... **Total of 146...**

Editor's Note: I will start listing the number of issues per month, so if you have missed one of the issue, drop me a letter & specify the issue that you missed... For April there were 3 newsletters, For May there were 3 newsletters & so far for June there is 3 newsletters...

Warlock Micah Update – June 10, 2008 – *Florida* - Our brother Micah Halfway was shot early Tue morning after a altercation in St. Cloud, Florida. He is in Orlando regional medical center with a very serious gunshot wound he looks like he was shot in the left wrist & lower back & has caused a lot of internal injuries. Right now he is very sedated but was able to acknowledge that we were in the room & talking to him, he is going to have a very long recovery, but he should recover in the long run, Micah is a strong young man & a very loved brother! The shooting was not club related, but possibly dates back to his younger days, that's odd figuring he will turn 20 this Saturday... We will keep everyone updated on his recovery as I get it. Big John, National President; Warlocks MC

Sundowner Jimmy Hinds – June 11, 2008 – *Columbia, South Carolina* - SunDowner Jimmy Hinds pasted away yesterday evening. The services are Saturday at 1:00 PM at Dunbar Funeral Home on Devine St. Columbia, SC.

Brothers Gone

By Richard 'Bingo' Cosby (Member of Wisconsin COC)

In my many years a biker – I have lost too many bros!
But they're all up there in 'Harley Heaven' – Where every good biker goes!

There was 'Rat', 'Big Doug', 'Dent', and 'Skippy' -
'Spider', 'Smiley', 'D.C. Danny', and 'Kike' -
'Wild Bill', 'Booner', 'Lanny', and 'Blue' -
'Honest Bob', 'Curly', 'Antique', and 'Mike' -

'Jolly Jake', 'Buck', 'J.R.', and 'Rocker' -
'Fat Frank', 'Yama', and 'Dancing Bear' -
'Burrito', 'Speedo', and 'Paesano'.
They're all waiting for us – up there.

'Crazy Butch' - 'Big Red', and 'Little Red' -
'Fat Larry', 'Bucky', 'Dougie', and 'O.B.' -
'Monster', 'Big John', 'Terry', and 'Token'.
They were All brothers – to Me!

'Dee Walls', 'Southside Ray', 'Iceberg', and 'Chico' -
'Terrible Terry', 'Sean', 'Merna', and 'Big Ed' -
'Papa Snake', 'Gangrene', 'J. B.', and 'Elvis'.
It's hard to believe – they're all dead!

'Chicago Mike', 'Bed Bug', and 'Little John' -
'Old Man Frank' then 'Apache', and 'Doc' were next to go.
Harley Heaven waits for us all.
Who'll be next? We cannot know!

So let's toast them all with a drink! And let's raise those glasses high.
Then the Next toast – let's make it be - To the next one of US – to die!

One of these days - My time will come.
Will someone put My name in here?
AW! Just read this poem on an R.I.P. run -
And toast old 'Bingo' with a beer.

States green-light new red-light laws for motorcycle – June 10, 2008 – USA - By Ron Barnett - Motorcyclists in a growing number of states are being allowed to go through red lights when sensors aren't able to detect they are there. In May, South Carolina became the 7th state to give motorcyclists license to proceed with caution after stopping when the device that causes the light to change from red to green doesn't activate, according to Imre Szauter, Gov't affairs manager for the American Motorcyclist Association. North Carolina passed a similar law in 2007. Wisconsin (2006), Idaho (2006) Arkansas (2005), Tennessee (2003) & Minnesota (2002); all have passed laws the past 6 years, Szauter said. Bills have been introduced for the same purpose in Georgia, Missouri & Oklahoma, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures & the legislative websites for those states. The Federal Highway Administration says such laws raise safety concerns, but biker groups that have lobbied for the change say they are common sense. "We want to emphasize that the riders do this with safety & caution in mind," Szauter said. "If they truly are trapped at a light, this gives them an opportunity to safely proceed through that signal, because otherwise they don't really have much of a choice." Doug Hecox, a spokesman for the **FHA**, said the states should try to find a technical solution to the problem. "We don't necessarily think that empowering motorists to make up their own rules of the road is the safest or best approach," he said. The traffic lights in question are controlled by devices buried under the road that operate similar to metal detectors, according to Hecox. Their

sensitivity can be set to detect motorcycles, but the proper balance is difficult to adjust, he said. California has chosen a technological solution. A law adopted last year requires that when new traffic-activated signals are installed, they be capable of detecting motorcycles & bicycles. Motorcyclist Splatt Ratt of Palm Springs, Calif., a member of the board of directors of a motorcyclist's advocacy group called **American Bikers Aimed Toward Education**, said that's not good enough. Replacing all the ineffective traffic-detection devices could take years, he said. "The gist of the whole problem is I live in the stop-light capital of the world," he said. Reb Richardson, a motorcyclist from Sumter, S.C., said he pushed his state's Legislature for three years to get the bill passed that Republican Gov. Mark Sanford signed last month. Richardson's efforts grew out of frustration over a traffic light at the intersection near his home. "That light would never change," he said. "There's just not enough metal in motorcycles to detect them." Some motorcyclists try to deal with the problem by motioning for a car behind them to pull forward to trip the signal, Richardson said. This puts the biker in danger, forcing the motorcyclist to move too far into the intersection, he said. Scott Kauffman of Portland, Ore., says he has a solution. He has developed a magnetic device he calls the Green Light Trigger that straps onto the motorcycle & causes the traffic light to think a car is there, he said. He's not worried about the changes in state law putting his company, Green Light, out of business. It's still better than running red lights, he said. "You may not need it legally, but they need it from a safety standpoint," he said.

Editorial Response in the *Duluth, Minnesota* News Tribune to: Roar of the motorcycles drowns out patriotism – June 8, 2008 – By Joseph A. Brinn - See Issue 1 for June 2008 BBB Newsletter - Fat men with ponytails on Harleys? Yes, & proud of it. I was deeply appalled by Garrison Keillor's May 29 column, "Roar of the motorcycles drowns out patriotism." As responsible editors at a responsible newspaper, the News Tribune's editorial page staff had the right to refrain from publishing such an unpatriotic commentary. I was so offended I sent the article to every motorcycle reader in my magazine's readership so they could draw their own conclusions about Keillor's patriotic intention. I'm sure many of the News Tribune's own readers were appalled by Keillor's direct attack on the very veterans who risked their lives to protect his right to state his opinion. Which Keillor did without regard to the many thousands of veterans, who, like me, have long hair & ride Harleys. In writing so negatively about the Memorial Day motorcycle rally in Washington, D.C., Keillor put all of its participants into a single category — without regard for who they may have been, what they may have done, or who they are now. I spent 13 months in Vietnam. I received a Bronze Star with valor, several air medals with valor, Army commendation medals with valor & other awards & medals for protecting the rights of people like Keillor. I'm not saying I'm a military hero because the real military heroes never returned home from war. At least I came back to the U.S. in mostly one piece. Many of those who rode to Washington, D.C., to participate in the rally were the same "fat men with ponytails on Harleys," as Keillor so offensively called us, who stand guard at military funerals to prevent people with attitudes like the one Keillor apparently has from dishonoring families' memories of loved ones lost in distant lands to terrorists. They're the same fat men with ponytails on Harleys who line up at airports to greet returning veterans & the same motorcyclists who donate time & money to veterans' organizations & charities all over the U.S. They're the same fat men with ponytails on Harleys who ride in Fourth of July parades with flags decorating their loud-sounding motorcycles, & the same fat men with ponytails on Harleys who are some of the most patriotic people left in a U.S. that has been decimated by the unpatriotic rantings of people like Keillor, whose voices seem to find their way to the forefront, whether it be in print media or on radio or television. I couldn't believe Keillor had the audacity to criticize, to attack, & to assault in print fat men with ponytails on Harleys. And I refuse to sit idly by while he or anyone else makes a mockery of the very people who fought and, in some cases, were wounded or died to give him & everyone the freedom to speak their minds. The News Tribune has a right to publish what it chooses, but did Keillor, with this column, write words that made for a great newspaper? The News Tribune will now have to deal with the backlash of fat men with ponytails on Harleys as they voice their opinions to the newspaper & to Keillor. I hope my words find their way to Keillor. I'd ask him to ride with the Patriot Guard, the Rolling Thunder or any of the fine veterans-based motorcycle associations that understand, firsthand, the issues our latest veterans have to deal with while serving their country. Keillor would see, firsthand, what fat men with ponytails on Harleys do for veterans every day. We may not head to the Smithsonian, like Keillor wrote that he did, or even partake of fine museum pieces, like the ones Keillor seemed to think were much more patriotic than us. But I'd take even just one of the fat men with ponytails on Harleys over a thousand Keillors any day. I'd surely trust fat men with ponytails on Harleys to protect my country before I'd allow Keillor to stand guard at our gate. Oh, & by the way, we are not all fat men with ponytails on Harleys. Some of us ride Hondas, Suzukis, Kawasakis, Yamahas, Triumphs & the many other brands of motor cycles that veterans

ride. In his commentary, Keillor grouped all of us together, even with regard to the kind of motorcycles we ride. And without regard to who we are. Joseph A. Brinn & his wife Pamela Brinn are owners & editors of Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan.

Judge limits evidence in biker shooting trial – June 10, 2008 – *Rapid City, South Dakota* – by Carson Walker; AP - Jurors at the trial of two Hells Angels bikers charged with starting a 2006 gunfight will not hear testimony about an earlier altercation involving one of the men & a gun, a judge ruled Tues. Prosecutors accuse Chad Wilson, 32, of Lynnwood, Wash., & John Midmore, 34, of Valparaiso, Ind., of shooting at Outlaws bikers on Aug. 8, 2006, at Legion Lake Resort in Custer State Park. The Outlaws gathered there for the Sturgis motorcycle rally 70 miles away. Wilson is a Canadian citizen & Midmore has dual citizenship in Canada & Australia. Their trial is scheduled to start Oct. 6. Defense lawyers plan to decide within weeks whether to request the trial be moved from Rapid City. Wilson & Midmore pleaded not guilty Tuesday to a third superseding indictment that simplifies the charges against them: 1 count of conspiracy to commit 1st-degree murder, 5 counts of attempted 1st-degree murder & one count of commission of a felony while armed. Wilson is a member of the Dago Chapter of the Hells Angels MC in San Diego & Midmore is a prospect of the Haney Chapter of the Hells Angels in British Columbia, Canada, according to court documents. The 5 Outlaws who were shot & wounded are: Thomas Hass, Al Mathews, Danny Neace, Claudia Wables & Susan Evans-Martin. Another woman, Crystal Schuster, suffered injuries unrelated to a gunshot. Their addresses were not included in court documents. Wilson & Midmore are being held without bond at the county jail in Rapid City. Their trial has been delayed several times, most recently because of an appeal to the state Supreme Court. They have also filed a Fed complaint that says Fed agencies & officials are withholding information that could help their claim they acted in self-defense because rival Outlaws members targeted them. Retired Judge Gene Paul Kean, who was appointed after the Supreme Court appeal, denied two prosecution requests Tuesday. Prosecutors wanted jurors to hear about Wilson's March 26, 2006, arrest outside of a night club. Seattle police officer Camilo DePina testified he was called to a fight outside the club that witnesses said was sparked by Wilson & another Hells Angels member. DePina said Wilson refused to stand where he was told, then pulled a handgun from his waist, gave it to the other biker & lunged for it twice after the other man obeyed an order to drop the gun. Another officer used a police Taser on Wilson before DePina shot him. "I was prepared to fire," he said. Wilson ultimately pleaded guilty to obstruction of a law enforcement officer & hurts his claim that he was being targeted by the Outlaws in the Custer shootout, said prosecutor Jeff Banks. "It refutes that claim of self-defense," Banks said. But defense lawyer David Kenner argued it was unrelated & should not be included in the trial. "I don't think it's pertinent to what we're doing here," he said. Kean agreed & denied the motion. The judge also turned down a prosecution request to prevent motorcycle club colors & insignia during the trial. Prosecutors had argued that the two biker clubs have been "at war" since the 1980s & have in the past worn gang clothing to intimidate witnesses & jurors. Kean said that since it hasn't happened in this case & would be difficult to enforce, he couldn't tell people what to wear. Wilson & Midmore were arrested the evening of the shooting after they told an off-duty park ranger their pickup had broken down & they needed a ride.

In the Circle of Life... Theres Reasons for the Season... There A Time to Laugh A Time to Cry A Time Love & A Time to Die...

Man Gets DWI After Riding Motorized Cooler – June 10, 2008 – *New York* - One New York man's Memorial Day fun ended when police pulled him over while he was driving his motorized cooler. Leslie J. "Bomber" Marr, 57, was charged with driving while intoxicated & aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle after the police saw him swerving on the street & driving on the sidewalk in his "Cruzin Cooler," Whitehall Police Chief Richard LaChapelle told the Post Star newspaper. Marr's electric-powered cooler was filled with 14 beers & has room for 24 cans & ice, Fox News reported. Under New York state law, driving any motorized vehicle must be done without alcohol, including motorized coolers. In various states, other modes of transportation in which driving is prohibited while intoxicated include lawnmowers, boats, bicycles, golf carts, wheelchairs & horses. The "Cruzin Cooler" Web site features talk show host Ellen Degeneres riding a cooler. The site praises the vehicle, saying it "combines two basic necessities of life, the ability to have cold food or a beverage handy along with the means to get somewhere without walking." According to cruzincooler.com, the motor or electric-powered cooler can go up to 13 mph & has hitches to attach a wagon that can pull a 400-pound load on level surfaces.

Warlock Micah Update – June 11, 2008 – *Florida* - Micah had several hours of surgery today to repair some of the damage, the surgeon found some damage to his colon, so he will have to wear a bag for three to six months, other than that, everything went well, his dad, St Dave is with him now & will stay with him tonight, he want to thanks everybody that has called, e-mailed & posted in the guestbook, your love for his son, our brother will not be forgotten... Big John, National President Warlocks MC

SOS Mad Update – June 11, 2008 – *Arkansas* - Our brother Mad had a heart attack yesterday, he had 100% blockage in the upper lobe & a small amount in the lower lobe. They put a stent in the upper lobe & will see if meds will clear the lower. Doc says he should be alright as long as he follows the Don't do this list. They kept him up most of the night doing this & that, moved him to a room this morning. Mad asked to hold phone calls until Thursday so he can rest today. SFFS South Arkansas Mike

Motorcycles & emissions: The surprising facts – June 11, 2008 – *California* – By Susan Carpenter - I'd like to begin this column with an apology. I'm sorry for ruining your day. This story is about emissions. More specifically, it's about the surprising level of emissions spewing from on-road motorcycles & scooters. In California, such bikes make up 3.6% of registered vehicles & 1% of vehicle miles traveled, yet they account for 10% of passenger vehicles' smog-forming emissions in the state. In fact, the average motorbike is about 10 times more polluting per mile than a passenger car, light truck or SUV, according to a California Air Resources Board comparison of emissions-compliant vehicles. For those of you who are wondering why I'm being such a killjoy, my reason is this: I've been hearing from an increasing number of readers who want to know if 2-wheelers, which consume far less fuel, are also smog busters. Because scientific questions tend to come with complicated answers, I thought I'd do my best to explain what pollutants a gas-powered motorbike emits & why. Motorcycles & scooters are, on average, about twice as fuel efficient as cars. Compact & lightweight, their internal-combustion engines do a better job of converting fuel into energy that makes the vehicle move. But extracting more energy from the fuel has a downside. It produces greater amounts of a smog-forming emission called oxides of nitrogen.

An excerpt out of the Worthington Daily Globe – June 11, 2008 – *Minnesota* – They are talking about things that happened 1 year ago, 5 years ago, 10 years ago, 25 years ago, 50 years ago & 75 years ago... *Under the 25 years ago*, they have this excerpt: The FBI arrested 2 members of the Sons of Silence motorcycle gang in Okoboji, Iowa, early Wed. The pair had been indicted in Feb for moving a complete laboratory for making amphetamines & 36 pounds of the drug from Modesto, Calif., to Denver, Colo. The Sons of Silence motorcycle gang frequently traveled through the Iowa lakes area.

Motorcycle gang suspected in daring bank scheme – June 11, 2008 – *Sweden* - 8 residents from Skåne in southern Sweden are suspected of gross fraud worth 6 million Kronor (\$1 million) & attempted fraud against Swedbank & Kristianstads Sparbank. Several of the suspects have ties to the Bandidos motorcycle gang, according to a police investigation. A further 12 people may also be involved in the caper in some way. Police discovered the scheme during a raid on the Bandidos in Jan, reports the newspaper Metro. The public prosecutor is planning to launch legal proceedings next week against the 8 who are suspected for gross fraud which was committed last summer. The suspects are believed to have obtained bank customers' personal identity numbers, account numbers, & telephone banking codes. Using the info, the men are suspected of having transferred money to other accounts through bank branch staff or via the telephone. Participants known as "goalkeepers" are suspected of having put the accounts at the disposal of the others, & in so doing facilitated the carrying out of the fraud. The goalkeepers are said to have taken the money from the original accounts & are suspected of receiving stolen goods for their contribution to the crime.

Pub ban on bikies – June 11, 2008 – *Australia* - Pubs & clubs in Fairfield will have to refuse entry to people wearing motorcycle gang colours, once Fairfield police review their licences. But the change would not have stopped a brawl outside Smithfield RSL at 11.40pm on Friday, when police allege members of the Gypsy Jokers were refused entry. "They didn't like being stopped from wearing their colours into the premises & it resulted in a number of the security & the members of the club being involved in the brawl," Fairfield crime manager Detective Inspector Gary Bailey said. "Police are still investigating that matter." Smithfield RSL has long had a policy of refusing entry to those wearing motorcycle gang colours. Four guards were helped by patrons when up to 12 people started fighting. There were no serious injuries. Bailey said police are in the process of inserting the condition into liquor licences. "It often attracts trouble from either rival gangs or if they are perceived as being in a bikie gang, they intimidate other patrons," Mr Bailey said. "We're making it a rule for all licensed premises in Fairfield." Bailey said there are two gangs in the area - The Gypsy Jokers in Horsley Park & the Hells Angels in Guildford.

Hells Angels treated like anyone else – June 11, 2008 - *Canada* - Although Penticton RCMP beefed up its numbers after receiving word some Hells Angels were gathering at a Riverside Drive motel, police insist the group is treated just like anyone else. Cpl. Rick Dellebuur said a group of about 75 was expected to come to the city Friday & were staying at the Bowmont Motel until they left Sunday. Dellebuur said police were keeping tabs on them throughout the weekend but there were no reports of any specific incident which required police to intervene. "We had some extra bodies in but I wasn't aware of any problems or anything like that, said Dellebuur. "As a matter of fact there was nothing that came out of briefing."

Accused won't ID man cited as alibi – June 11, 2008 – *Canada* - By Laura Drake - The accused in a 1st-degree murder trial defied a judge's direct order yesterday afternoon to name a "powerful" Ottawa drug dealer central to his alibi for the time the Crown alleges he was digging the victim's grave. While cross-examining Shant Esrabian, assistant Crown atty Julie Scott suggested to him that the man he refused to name in his testimony was Paul Porter, who has been described by police at this trial as the president of the Ontario Hells Angels. Esrabian would not respond to Ms. Scott's assertion, & held to his refusal even after Ontario Superior Court Justice Albert Roy directed him to answer the question. "There will be consequences," Judge Roy warned Esrabian after he once again refused to answer. Esrabian is on trial for the 1st-degree murder of Hussein El-Hajj Hassan on Aug. 20, 2004. Two other men, Fadi Saleh & Mark Yegin, are accused of the same crime & have yet to face trial. Esrabian said that on the afternoon of Aug. 20, 2004 -- at the time the Crown contends the three men were digging El-Hajj Hassan's grave in advance of his killing -- the three were busy travelling between farms in Ottawa's west end trying to sort out the theft of 1,500 marijuana plants. Esrabian told the jury that a friend of Saleh's, known only as "Eli," had 1,500 marijuana plants stolen from him by some of his associates with the goal of transplanting them & harvesting the crop themselves. When "Eli" asked his associates why they stole the plants, Esrabian said they named someone "powerful in Ottawa" & said the plants now belonged to that man. According to Esrabian, Saleh knew the unnamed man & had asked him if the story was true. That man, suggested by the Crown to be Mr. Porter, said he had not ordered the plants to be stolen -- but since his name was used in connection with their theft, they were his by rights. Saleh, Esrabian & Yegin then went to claim the plants on his behalf, Mr. Esrabian said, visiting three different Ottawa farms on the afternoon of Aug. 20, 2004. At the last one they visited, two men in pickup trucks ambushed & shot at them, Esrabian said. During cross-examination yesterday, Scott called Esrabian's story about the marijuana plants "complete & utter nonsense," given the effort it would take to steal, transport, re-plant & harvest 1,500 nearly full-grown plants. "We're talking about \$2-million worth of product here. The people will go to the trouble of re-planting it," Esrabian responded, adding he has seen this kind of theft before. Ms. Scott pressed Esrabian for the farmers' names & the addresses the three men went to that afternoon, but he said he didn't know most of them. Esrabian has admitted he was present when El-Hajj Hassan was killed & helped bury his body, but reiterated that he was shocked by the slaying. "I admitted what I did & I'm ready to accept responsibility for what I did, but not for what I didn't do," he said. Esrabian said Yegin shot El-Hajj Hassan. Yegin, who led police to the victim's body on June 27, 2005, told police that it was Esrabian who shot El-Hajj Hassan. "What Mark did wasn't even rapping, it was lying," Mr. Esrabian said. "He's not a rat, he's a liar. That's what Mark Yegin is."

Biker pulled over for wearing flip-flops – June 11, 2008 - *Canada* - A traffic ticket for motoring around without back-strapped sandals? It's enough to make a driver feel like a heel. But to Winnipeg motorcyclist Michael Bailey, the warning he was given by police for the infraction is more a sign of obscure laws appearing like potholes. "This is the law, but I certainly hadn't heard of it," Bailey said after being pulled over by a city cop on Sunday while riding his 2002 H-D V-Rod bike on Pembina Highway. The infraction? Driving with flip-flop sandals -- the kind without rear straps to hold them on. Bailey suggested he could have fallen off his motorcycle when told by the officer his footwear that day didn't meet requirements of the Highway

Traffic Act. At least, it didn't before he did what was necessary to get the officer's permission to continue driving home. When the cop told the accountant he'd have to leave his bike there near Jubilee Avenue until he found legal riding shoes, instead of proceeding home to Richmond West, he considered calling a taxi. "Then I called Duffy's back to cancel the cab, & asked a restaurant if they have any string," Bailey said of his tactic to fix his footwear. "My thanks to the Pemby restaurant staff for facilitating my endeavour." Elastics tied in place, he continued on his way home. But not before the officer explained the law on driving shoes applies to cars & other 4-wheeled vehicles.

Mongols MC Pres blasts police response – June 12, 2008 – *California* – By Sarah Burge; Riverside County - Police were out in force last week, cracking down on what they called an "outlaw biker gang" that passed through Temecula on its way to a week-end gathering in San Diego County. But if the Mongols MC is any indication, bikers are working on their image. The Mongols' Pres, 51-year-old Ruben "Doc" Cavazos, has a N.Y. publicist & a new memoir about his life as a Mongol. Cavazos said Wed that police in Riverside & San Diego counties harassed the group without provocation, stopping Mongols on motorcycles & searching their RVs for contraband. "I think that the motorcycle clubs are truly the last group that you can violate their rights & nobody says anything," Cavazos said. "They stepped all over us this weekend." Dozens of sheriff's deputies & officers from around the area pulled over Mongols in & around Temecula, holding some at gunpoint, issuing 58 citations & arresting 17 people. Most were booked on suspicion of misdemeanor evading police, 2 for possession of methamphetamine & 1 for possession of a concealed handgun. Traffic on I-15 slowed to a crawl for hours Fri afternoon as passers-by checked out the police activity. In San Diego County, droves of LEOs patrolled the area around the La Jolla Indian Reservation campground, where the Mongols gathered, keeping an eye out for any misbehavior. No disturbances were reported at the event. "I think they really overreacted this time," Cavazos said. "Who was waving guns around? It wasn't us." Cavazos said the Mongols were minding their own business, gathering in San Diego County to talk about Cavazos' just-published memoir & to hold a wedding. (It was a "Mongol wedding." The bride wore black.) About 200 to 300 Mongols, friends & family from California & across the country attended, Cavazos said. In Temecula, he said, police were hoping to find a lot of guns & drugs. "When it didn't work, they started getting really picky," Cavazos said, stopping Mongols for things like helmet & handlebar violations. "They ordered all that overtime. They needed to make some arrests," he said. At the reservation, Cavazos said, a police helicopter circled the campground, training its spotlight on them & a police armored vehicle with a machine gun was stationed nearby. "They were dressing up in camouflage & sneaking in through the bushes," Cavazos said. "They created a circus out there." It is no mystery why law enforcement might be wary of a Mongol gathering. In one of the most notorious incidents involving the Mongols, club members & their rivals the Hells Angels got into a brawl in 2002 at a casino during a biker rally in Laughlin, NV. San Diego County sheriff's Capt. Don Crist declined to discuss the specifics of their operation but said that, in the past, Mongols have been "very violent" & involved in criminal activities. "I think it was an appropriate reaction," Riverside County sheriff's Capt. Jerry Williams said. "When you get that many known gang members in one area, there's usually going to be problems." Cavazos said police had no reason to expect violence last weekend. It was not as if the Hells Angels were invited, he said. "It was all Mongols," Cavazos said. "There was nobody to fight with."

Warlock Micah Update – June 12, 2008 – *Florida* - today was a good day, stable all day, the Dr. is keeping him on the sedated side, Micah tries to wake up when his dad talks to him, so he is aware of his surroundings. so it all boils down to no news is good news! Big John, National President Warlocks MC

SOS Mad Update – June 12, 2008 – *Arkansas* - Our brother MAD went home today, will have to go back 1st of July to get stent put in lower lobe, Doc says do nothing just set at home & talk to all the brothers that care so much about you. SFFS South Arkansas Mike

Clubs band together to reduce motorcycle-vehicle accidents – June 12, 2008 – *Texas* - By Jane McBride, Beaumont Enterprise - David Die has watched too many of his friends die in motorcycle accidents caused by inattentive drivers - two of them within the past year. Die, a member the Red Knights MC & legislative officer of the Southeast Texas Confederation of Clubs, 9th region, will participate in a Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month press conference & kick-off at 3 p.m. Sat at Cowboy H-D, 1150 IH-10 South in Beaumont. Die, of Port Neches, said motorcycle riders account for one out of every 10 road deaths in the U.S each year. For the past eight years, deaths of motorcyclists from traffic crashes have continued to rise, with 4,553 motorcyclists dying in 2005. “My friends’ deaths have made me intent on getting vehicular drivers to be more attentive where motorcycles are concerned,” he said. “To put the cell phone down, to put the makeup down, to not finish the last piece of sweet roll & coffee & to put both hands on the steering wheel & your mind on driving,” Die said. Not all motorcycle accidents are caused by vehicular drivers, Die said. “There are a lot of accidents out there caused by drivers of motorcycles doing things they shouldn’t be doing, or reacting the way they shouldn’t. My goal is to reduce all motorcycle fatalities, including vehicular caused accidents, & those from motorcycle driver errors.” Other events are planned & will be announced at a later date, Die said.

Bar’s license briefly suspended over impromptu biker festival – June 12, 2008 – *Illinois* - Tribune staff - After Ironhorse Roundup was canceled, Libertyville saloon served alcohol in parking lot. Libertyville has ordered a local bar to not serve alcohol for 2 days as a punishment for the bar’s liquor license & zoning violations during an impromptu festival for motorcyclists in May. Mark Khayat, owner of Austin’s Saloon & Eatery in Libertyville, said the village is being fair & he would pay the fines. Village Administrator Kevin Bowers said Khayat was put in a difficult situation when the permit for his Ironhorse Roundup bike show in neighboring Grayslake was canceled two days before the event. The motorcycle rally & daylong festival had been planned for May 4 at the Lake County Fairgrounds. But on May 2, Grayslake Mayor Timothy Perry canceled the event. Officials said the bar broke local rules by serving alcohol in the parking lot.

No bridge, no bar, but the roast must go on – June 12, 2008 – *Wisconsin* - By Kari Knutson; Winona Daily News - Last year, their bar burned down. This year, the Interstate Bridge is closed. But neither has stopped the Road Dog MC from putting on their yearly bash in Bluff Siding, Wis. This weekend, the group hosts its 20th annual hog roast to benefit veterans. They know not to depend on good weather & that some years the crowds will be better than others. But there’s not much you can do about bad luck. This year’s event kicks off Friday, which happens to be Friday the 13th. Bluff Siding used to be at most a 10-minute trip from Winona. Now, because of the bridge closure, it’s at least an hour. “We’ve never had anything like this,” said Road Dog vice

president Rich “Ratt” Ratajczek. The group’s Gin Mill strip club burned down in May of 2007. So far, the foundation has been built but Ratajczek says they’re nowhere near ready to reopen. So for now, they’re concentrating on this weekend’s benefit. Because this is the event’s 20th year, the Road Dogs decided to go whole hog with entertainment & booked three national acts — former lead singer of Bad Company, Brian Howe, the Kentucky Headhunters & Confederate Railroad. Ratajczek would like to see 2,000 people show up. He encourages attendees to get the \$30 weekend pass, which includes camping. “My whole thought is that people will understand it’s for a good cause & are willing to drive that little bit extra,” Ratajczek said. When the hog roast first started, it was aimed at helping Vietnam veterans. It has since expanded to help veterans of more recent wars, including the war in Iraq. Some years there’s more money to donate than others. In leaner years, Road Dog members will pass the hat. “We’re always looking for ways to help veterans,” Ratajczek said. On Saturday, there will be a 100-mile poker run motorcycle ride beginning at noon, with registration from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The ride costs \$10, of which \$5 goes directly to benefit veterans. In addition to music, there will be three roasted pigs, fireworks, a bike burn & wet T-shirt contest. “It’s nice when it doesn’t hurt to do something good,” Ratajczek said. If you go: **What:** 20th annual Veterans/P.O.W./M.I.A. Benefit Hog Roast, sponsored by the Road Dogs MC **When:** Friday & Saturday; gates open at 3 p.m. Friday; music includes Tuck Pence at 6 p.m. Friday & Saturday, former Bad Company lead singer Brian Howe at 10 p.m. Friday, Confederate Railroad at 8:30 p.m. & The Kentucky Headhunters at 10:30 p.m., both Saturday. Must be 21 to attend. **Where:** Site of Gin Mill, Bluff Siding, Wis. **Tickets:** \$15 for Friday, \$20 for Saturday, \$30 for weekend, ticket includes camping; available at George’s Lounge in Bluff Siding, Wis., Trempealeau Hotel in Trempealeau, Wis., Longhorn Saloon in La Crosse, Wis., Upchucks in Arcadia, Wis., Smokey’s Bar in Holmen, Wis., & the Wing Dam Saloon in Fountain City, Wis.

Veterans to hold motorcycle rally for home – June 12, 2008 – *Louisiana* - By John Andrew Prime - Members of the Veterans of Vietnam MC & Harrah’s Louisiana Downs plan to hold a rally Sat to raise money for Woody’s Home for Veterans, a residential retreat for homeless veterans facing mental issues. Called the “Ride Home” & planned to be an annual event, it will begin at 9 a.m. on the parking lot at Harrah’s Louisiana Downs, on U.S. Highway 80 East just east of I-220. The event will last until 5 p.m. Events include a Poker Run, a bike show, bike games, a car show, a silent auction, live music & food & soft drink sales. There also will be an aircraft flyby at 3 p.m., according to event literature. The original Woody’s Home, at 442 Jordan St., was renovated in 2003 & opened in early 2004. It houses eight residents. A second at 448 Jordan St. will be home to a dozen veterans. A third house is envisioned for an adjacent lot. “Although other community residential care facilities of this type do exist, the nearest is over 35 miles away,” a release from Louisiana Downs said. This makes treatment more difficult for chronic medical conditions, it notes. “The veterans at Woody’s Home are the forgotten ones,” the track’s release says. “The wounds that these men carry are much deeper than the eye can see. These are emotional wounds brought on by combat, & the scars that are left are conditions ranging from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder to depression.” Cost to take part in the Poker Run part of the Ride Home is \$25, with registration on site before the event. General admission to the event is \$3 per person, with ages under 12 admitted free with an adult.

A Former Hells Angels member – June 12, 2008 – *Australia* - George Petropoulos was 1 of 3 Hells Angels MC members charged with murdering 3 members of the Rebels MC on Wright St in the city in Oct 1999. Petropoulos, 42, was this week given a suspended jail term of four years & three months over the theft of a Holden utility & extortion of its owner in 2004. Petropoulos & 2 other men - Michael Romeo & Nectarious Steven Karetsian - were all released on suspended jail terms by Judge Gordon Barrett. Judge Barrett said the theft & extortion of the \$60,000 vehicle was “suggestive of people involved in the criminal underworld.” He said the ute’s owner had given it to Petropoulos to take care of, because he feared it would be damaged by a man who had beaten the victim’s brother with a piece of wood days earlier. Instead of handing back the ute, Petropoulos demanded \$50,000 from the victim for its return. “Were it not for the presence of violence ... & the extortion engaged in by you, Petropoulos, & you, Romeo, the whole episode would sound like the behaviour of schoolyard bullies. As it is, it is more serious than that,” Judge Barrett said. Petropoulos & Karetsian were convicted of forging false registration papers for the ute, which was found in Victoria & returned to its owner undamaged. Judge Barrett said Petropoulos had been a member of the Hells Angels in Adelaide before moving to Sydney because of pressure on him & other gang members from SA Police. In 1999, Petropoulos & fellow Hells Angels Faoud “Fred” Chaptini & Peter John Threadgold were each charged with three counts of murder over the Wright St shootings. The case against them collapsed in 2000 after Rebels members refused to testify. The late-night shootout claimed the lives of Rebels members Graham Nixon, 33, Sinibaldo Palombi, 35, & Hubert Weston, 32. In 2006, Petropoulos was given a suspended five-month jail term after being caught with a loaded high-powered pistol concealed in a car he was driving.

SA police keep tabs on gangs with \$5.2m IT system – June 12, 2008 – *Australia* - By Suzanne Tindal - South Australian police are spending AU\$5.2 million over 5 years on an IT system to track criminal motorcycle gangs. The new system will work with existing legacy mainframes to form a vault of data on gangs & their members. Police will search & analyze the data to provide necessary evidence - for example details on gangs’ criminal activities & meetings - for legal processes such as applying to the state’s Atty General to have a gang declared outlawed. The system keeps a record of members of outlawed gangs & any court orders the police have sought to stop members meeting together, as well as any breaches of the orders. Police officers will be alerted to any relevant orders when they access systems for everyday duties & can make new entries, cutting down on paperwork. The AU\$5.2 million project, announced in last week’s State budget, is due to start next month & scheduled to be completed by June 2013. Also on the police ICT radar is an ongoing project to replace aging Motorola XTS3000 radio units with newer XT5000s, with AU\$1.4 million budgeted for the scheme this year. Part of the funding will go to replacing 400 ageing in-car mobile data terminals, which relay jobs from the communications data centre to officers in police cars & allow officers to perform queries such as looking up car registration numbers. The replacement process is expected to last several years, with a tender expected to go out in mid to late 2009. Prisoner management has also received a boost, with AU\$5.65 million over 2 years going towards installing a modern CCTV system using 500 digital camera units.

There’s always room for Jell-O;
But I usually fill that space with hate.

Cluney guilty in Prince Albert jailhouse murder – June 12, 2008 - *Canada* - Prince Albert - Christopher Robert Cluney, an inmate at the Saskatchewan Penitentiary, has been found guilty of 2nd-degree murder in the death of Aime Simard, a motorcycle gang member-turned-police informant. Cluney, 33, will be given a mandatory life sentence. Justice Ron Mills said the only question is how many years Cluney must serve before he is eligible for parole; the minimum sentence is 10 years while the maximum is 25 years. Cluney held Simard in a cell on July 18, 2003, while another inmate, Alvin Vern Starblanket, stabbed him 187 times, Mills found in his verdict, handed down Thursday at Court of Queen’s Bench. Starblanket pleaded guilty to second degree murder at the beginning of his trial earlier in March & was sentenced to life with no parole for 13 years. He claimed sole responsibility for the killing of Simard. Simard, 35, had been a member of the Rockers, a gang affiliated with the Hells Angels, but turned police informant. He was serving a life sentence for three murder convictions & was expected to testify for the prosecution in another trial at the time of his death. As Cluney left the courthouse Thursday, shackled & surrounded by RCMP, he said he was “a little surprised,” by the verdict. “I imagine we will consider an appeal, but no promises,” he said as he climbed into the police van.

Hells Angel may be let out on bail – June 12, 2008 – *Canada* - By Paul Walton - Two men accused of extortion, kidnapping & assault -- one of them a Nanaimo Hells Angel -- will learn next week if they can be released on bail. On Wed, a lengthy bail hearing began for Lea Sheppe, 56, known to be a member of the motorcycle gang, & Dean Curtis Madill, 51. They were arrested on May 30 in connection with incidents involving an Errington man on March 21, March 23 & May 26.

Police Bulldog decision hailed – June 12, 2008 – *United Kingdom* - Bidford’s County Councillor Peter Barnes has welcomed Warwickshire Police’s decision not to appeal against Stratford District Council’s move to grant a licence for the Bulldog Bash. Cllr Barnes said he fully supports the biker festival & was pleased the police will not appeal against it being given a premises licence. “I think that common sense has prevailed,” he said. “If there are any problems in future years then obviously it will have to be looked at again. It is a major benefit to the area.”

Why Men Don’t Write Advice Columns: *Dear Andy*, The other day I went to work as usual, leaving my husband alone at home watching TV. I didn’t get more than a mile before my engine conked out & my car shuddered to a halt. I walked home to get my husband’s help, but when I got there, I couldn’t believe my eyes: he was making love to our neighbor. He tried to make me believe that he heard her screaming, came to her rescue, but by the time he found her she was unconscious, so he carried her into our bedroom & was giving her CPR when she awoke. He said she merely wanted to thank him & he was trying to break free. ‘Then why were you both naked?’ I shouted. He broke down & admitted that he’d been having an affair with her for nearly a year! I told him it had to stop or I would leave him. Since he was laid off about that time, he’s felt worthless & depressed. I love him very much, but ever since I gave him the ultimatum he’s become increasingly distant. I just don’t feel I can get through to him anymore. Andy, can you help me? Signed, Susie in Sussex.
Andy’s Response: Dear Susie, A car stalling after being driven such a short distance might be caused by debris in the fuel line or air leaks in the vacuum lines to the inlet manifold. Or, check the fuel pump; it may be delivering low pressure to the carburetor float chamber. I hope this helps, Andy.

Trial shines light on 'outlaw' biker gang activity – June 13, 2008 - *Oregon* - By Bill Bishop - Testimony Thursday in the trial of a man accused of trying to run 2 investigators off I-5; 2 months ago opened a door to the inner workings of the 6 motorcycle gangs in Oregon tagged by the Gov't as "outlaw" organizations. The incident began when the investigators - ATF Special Agent James Packard & Eugene police Detective Dave Burroughs - were searching for the residence of Justin James "Mooch" Deloretto, 26, near Turner. Deloretto, according to trial testimony, is president of a newly formed Oregon chapter of the Mongols MC - a group the U.S. Dept of Justice labels as a 300-member "extremely violent outlaw motorcycle gang" originating in Southern California that is involved in narcotics, assault & murder. The Mongols moved into Oregon last year without permission from the 5 other active outlaw motorcycle gangs - a major violation of accepted protocol among the gangs, according to Packard, who has investigated outlaw motorcycle gangs for 25 years, instructs other police agencies & is a recognized expert witness on the topic. He noted that the vast majority of motorcycle club members are law-abiding. But Packard said outlaw gang members distinguish themselves by wearing a "1 percent" patch on their clothing, indicating that they are the 1 percent of riders who are not law-abiding. The Mongols' intrusion set up a potential conflict between the Mongols & the other clubs, but particularly with the Gypsy Jokers because the Gypsy Jokers & the Mongols both claim the same colors for their insignia - black & white, Packard testified. Clubs' insignia are no small matter among members. In fact, insignia are central to each club's identity & are awarded in stages as members work their way up from "hang arounds" to "prospects" to "full-patch members," Packard said. Potential members are invited to apply, & do so as though looking for a job - divulging family relationships, criminal records, education & personal history that the club then confirms. It may take six weeks to two years to advance from "hang around" to full membership - with insignia awarded as the candidate progresses through the three levels, Packard said. Most of the gangs display insignia in three parts - an upper patch naming the club, a lower patch identifying their home base & an elaborate central depiction of their mascot or club symbol. The patches are awarded to signify a member's level of advancement toward full membership. Generally, full membership requires a 100 percent vote of approval by members of a local chapter, Packard said. The clubs' insignia, or "colors," are so revered that a member who drops his on the ground may be fined or disciplined. Rival clubs often will display colors taken forcibly from an enemy, hanging them upside-down in their clubhouse as a trophy, Packard said. "That is their pride in possession," Packard told a 12-member jury. "It means everything to a member. It means loyalty & brotherhood to those groups. They will fight & die for those colors." Oregon had 4 outlaw motorcycle gangs until the Vagos MC sought permission to operate in the state, & was voted in by the other 4, in the mid-1990s, Packard said. The Mongols' failure to seek permission, & their conflicting colors with the Gypsy Jokers, raised concerns among law enforcement officials around Eugene when the local chapter of the Free Souls MC threw its annual birthday party in February, Packard testified. The party draws a couple of hundred Free Souls members from other chapters around the country. Contingents from the other Oregon clubs typically are invited to the festivities, usually riding separately to Eugene, Packard said. However, officers who monitor the event were alarmed this year when they observed a gathering of about 100 motorcyclists from the 5 established clubs riding together from Salem toward Eugene. Police feared the united approach may signal a joint effort to drive out the Mongols, who were gathered at a

Springfield motel, he said. In order to warn the Mongols of the potential danger & to try to ward off trouble, Packard introduced himself to DeLoretto at a Mongol gathering in the motel parking lot. The meeting was cordial, said Packard, who testified that he frequently talks with club members & leaders to gather information. "I wanted to give them a heads-up," Packard said. "Deloretto said they were aware of the bikers coming from Salem, that he had his own eyes & ears out there. He said they weren't looking for trouble, but they wouldn't back down." Packard contacted Deloretto a few hours later to tell him that police had found firearms when they stopped the presidents of a couple of the gang chapters who had come to Eugene for the Free Souls celebration. He said Deloretto thanked him, but said his club nonetheless would frequent the same bars it had the previous evening. No violence occurred during the weekend, Packard said. A few months later, in an effort to find Deloretto's residence, Packard & Burroughs drove up a secluded single-lane driveway near Turner & encountered Deloretto driving out, Packard said. The officers backed out of the driveway & drove off, & DeLoretto followed them, first north into Salem & then south into Eugene. Just south of the Harlow Road overpass, two associates of Deloretto - Nathan Andrew Cassidy, 22, of Creswell, & Matthew Aaron Weiss, 24, of Eugene - joined in separate vehicles. The men allegedly used their three vehicles to box in the officers' unmarked sport utility vehicle in an attempt to force it off the road. Packard said he took evasive action, turned on the vehicle's emergency siren & lights, & summoned police patrol units. In an interview after his arrest, Deloretto told Packard he did not realize the men he followed were police. His lawyer, Kelly Beckley of Eugene, is arguing that Deloretto acted legally in protection of his property. Cassidy & Weiss have been convicted & sentenced to 90 days & 30 days in jail, respectively. Deloretto's trial is expected to conclude next week. He is charged with two counts each of conspiring to coerce, coercion, conspiring to unlawful use of a weapon, unlawful use of a weapon, menacing & reckless endangering, & one count of reckless driving. He has been in jail in lieu of a \$1 million security deposit.

Hells Angels boss final crown witness – June 13, 2008 - *Canada* - A powerful Hells Angel denied yesterday sending a man accused of 1st-degree murder to steal pot plants the afternoon the Crown alleges he was digging the victim's grave. Paul "Sasquatch" Porter -- a mountain of a man police say is Pres of the Hells Angels in Ontario - was the final witness yesterday at the trial of Shant Esrabian. He said little more than "no." Porter said he doesn't know anyone named Eli, never authorized a ripoff from him & never sent Esrabian & his 2 co-accused to recover 1,500 pot plants.

Coffin Cheater's high-speed dash – June 13, 2008 - *Australia* - By Jim Kelly - A Coffin Cheater biker associate will face court next week after allegedly leading police on a high-speed chase overnight. The 34-year-old from Innaloo is alleged to have run red lights on his motorcycle & weaved recklessly between cars & pedestrians during a 38-minute chase through Leederville, Yokine & Northbridge. The wild ride was tracked from the air by the police helicopter, which guided officers to a commercial property in West Perth where the man abandoned his Japanese built Kawasaki motorcycle. Police arrested the man, who was hiding nearby. He was charged under WA's anti-hoon legislation with failing to stop, reckless driving, not having a driver's license & driving under the influence of drugs. The man's bike was seized for 48 hours.

Outlaw spills gang secrets – June 14, 2008 - *Australia* - By Paula Doneman - Australia was captivated by the revelations of Melbourne's sinister gangland culture in the television drama *Underbelly*. The storylines of brutal killings, violent bashings, drug dealing, standover merchants & hired hits shocked & appalled viewers. But as families sat glued to their TVs watching this controversial series, many were unaware that an equally chilling gang war is erupting right outside their safe suburban homes. Until now, the frightening truth about the dangerous world of outlaw bikie gangs in Queensland has remained fiercely protected by a code of silence. But after his harrowing decision to turn informant on his brothers-in-arms, one former gang member has decided to speak publicly for the first time about the current bikie war. In an exclusive interview with *The Sunday-Mail* at a secret location, "Steve" (whose real identity has been suppressed by a court order) also reveals the terrible choice that forced him to testify against his mates. A choice that also has left him a "dead man walking". Steve formally joined the Bandidos in 2004 after being involved with bikie gangs for 14 years. "I joined because I liked the men & the whole brotherhood thing, the loyalty & respect," said Steve, who had met several members while earning a living as a drug dealer on the Sunshine Coast. His criminal connections & past dealings with the club ensured a rapid rise through the ranks. Within 12 months, Steve was made a "full patched" member of the Bandidos & was the sergeant-at-arms, the club's enforcer, for the Cairns chapter. "It's a lifestyle. It takes your whole life & your life completely changes. Your family becomes a Bandido . . . the club comes first & all your brothers come first," he said. "We were a law unto ourselves. There is no feeling in the world of riding in the front of a pack of 500 men . . . you feel unstoppable." Steve embarked on hedonistic binges on drugs & alcohol that could last for weeks. "I didn't really use drugs before joining the club, then I was popping 20 pills & snorting lines of coke," he said. Senior Bandidos had dubbed Steve "the future of Queensland" because of his diehard loyalty to the club's needs. "I would do anything for the club. I have done s--- that I will never talk about & I have paid with my life a hundred times." *Dangrous games* ... (Picture of backs 2 Bandidos, 1 Outlaw, & 1 Highway together) the truth about outlaw bikie gangs in Queensland is revealed by a former gang member. The Bandidos are one of 12 outlaw bikie gangs that now have chapters in Queensland, boasting more than 700 members, according to police estimates. The stakes are high for these gangs. Financial rewards are dependent on the protection & expansion of criminal enterprise. Territories, often designated by the presence of a clubhouse & member-owned businesses, ensure ongoing profitability. Steve said crime & the outlaw bikie gang culture of "one-percenters", those bikies who declare themselves the 1 per cent of society who defy the law, go hand-in-hand. "While you've got an outlaw culture, you've got crime . . . even if you have never done a crime before in your life, you soon will," he said. The gangs are involved in criminal activities ranging from drug distribution to extortion & contract killings. It is a culture whose members' propensity for violence to resolve conflict has played out nationwide in shootouts, murder, bashings & firebombings. Chapters each have members with "underground connections" but most will set up their criminal enterprises at a distance so as not to bring "heat" on the club. The Bandidos also have a strict code of conduct – mandatory attendance at the clubhouse every Friday night, never leaving before the president, & strict dress code. Members are expected to pay a monthly fee to help with maintenance, rent & other members experiencing financial difficulty. "I was pretty wealthy when I came into the club & I left broke, owing money to other members; at one stage, I was in debt \$50,000." As sergeant-at-arms, meting out brutal

beatings to fellow members & externally to anyone who stood in their way became a frequent "duty" for Steve. He was convicted of assault & grievous bodily harm in Cairns after a brawl with police when they tried to question the group over a bashing at a local hotel. He would not detail the penalties for members if they broke club rules, saying only that punishment varied from fines to demotion within the club & being assaulted. About 2 years ago, gang life turned treacherous at Steve's Brisbane chapter as a national war between the Bandidos & Rebels erupted. The bloody feud between the country's 2 largest gangs was sparked by the defection to the Bandidos of several senior interstate members of the Rebels. "The law within the clubs is that to defect to another club you have to have left your club for two years in good standing. There has to be a cooling-off period of two years," Steve said. Defection between clubs was taken seriously as gangs fear members will betray secrets, leaving them vulnerable to attack. The battle reached a point where once-sacred areas such as members' homes & businesses were no longer no-go areas. "You see a Rebel in a shopping centre, it's your job as a Bandido to take him out, no matter what, otherwise you'll be thrown out of the club," Steve said. "The war between the Bandidos & Rebels has been going for 2 years. The last one went for 7 & I don't ever see this one ending." An attack on a Sunshine Coast Rebel in 2006 by Bandidos sparked a series of violent clashes & broke an already uneasy truce between the Queensland-based gangs, which had decided to keep clear of the national war. The Rebel was run off the road & bashed, suffering serious spinal injuries. He told police he had been in a traffic accident. In Feb last year, in an alleged revenge attack, members of the Rebels drove into a group of Bandidos riding in formation at Ningi near Bribe Island. The Rebels, who have been charged over the incident, allegedly bashed Bandidos with baseball bats & axe handles. "I had taken some leave at the time, because I needed a break," Steve said. "The loyalty & respect had gone in our chapter. Before you could trust a brother with your life, but that was gone. (But) I was getting calls that brothers were getting hurt & I had to go back. "After this happened (Ningi), there was a lot of talk about revenge on the Rebels." It was this event which led to Steve's downfall. In what many would believe to be a suicide mission, Steve & three fellow gang members torched the Rebels' "mother" clubhouse at Albion on Brisbane's northside. Steve said he was forced to take part in the revenge arson attack or he would have been "beaten to a pulp". Had he refused to take part, his club would have ejected him on "bad standings", leaving him open to attack from every member of the Bandidos. He said they would have attacked him on sight & removed his club tattoos with an angle-grinder or oxy-torch. "If I had been thrown out, they also would have called the Rebels & said I had been kicked out of the club because I had done the arson. "I had nowhere to go," he said. Steve later told police that discussions about the revenge attack had been held between himself, club VP Ivan Glavas, sergeant-at-arms Kenneth James Whittaker & the then past-president Blair Raymond Thomsen. He said an initial attempt on the Rebels' Albion clubhouse on March 26 last year failed, but Thomsen ordered Steve to leave a business card from the Bandidos' Sunshine Coast chapter in the door. "The reason I think he wanted to do the (Albion) clubhouse is because there is more history, more memorabilia, it's the mother chapter of the Rebels," Steve said. The following day, the 4 men again entered the property. Whittaker climbed on the roof & was passed 4 jerry cans containing 40 litres of petrol that he poured through a hole he made using a crowbar. He then tossed a lit match into the building & leapt to safety as the clubhouse exploded. In the days following the arson, Steve said, he had armed confrontations with members of the Rebels, after they twice attacked him on the

Sunshine Coast. In the first attack at his Yandina rental property, he woke in the early hours of the morning to hear people on his roof. "I put my family in the bathroom & I ran out with a shotgun & handgun just firing shots . . . I saw them & knew who it was." No one was harmed in the incident which Steve never reported to police. The second attack was outside a paint shop at Nambour when he & another member were allegedly confronted by three armed men. He said the men knew he was there after being tipped off by a mutual associate who kept them updated about Steve's movements. "They (allegedly) fired shots into my car, they missed me but shot a chunk of my hair off as I dived into the air . . . I was unarmed at the time. But if I had been, someone would have died," he said. The following morning, Steve confronted one of the men at gunpoint over the incident saying his family could have been in the car when they attacked. He refused to talk to police. "The cops came & we had to flick our guns . . . it was serious s---." Steve said he asked for help from his club, but received none. "We wore no balaclavas, no gloves, & I read in the news police had tape of the arson. I felt like my brothers had abandoned me & I didn't want to lose my family. "I was left with no choice but being the fall guy." At the same time the Queensland police bikie Taskforce Hydra was closing in on the Bandidos & raided Steve's Sunshine Coast home, which was in Rebel territory. Frightened for the safety of his family & feeling like he had nowhere to go, Steve did the "unthinkable" & turned to the police task force for help. "It nearly killed me doing it, turning on the club." In August last year, Steve testified against his "mates". Steve & another Bandido, who cannot be named, pleaded guilty to their role in the arson & received five years' jail, wholly suspended. Last week, Brisbane District Court Judge Gilbert Trafford-Walker sentenced Whittaker, 33, & Thomsen to five years' jail, to be suspended after they have served 20 months, for the "more significant part they played". He then handed Glavas, 47, a 4-year sentence for his role in planning & providing tools, to be suspended after serving 16 months. John Debilla, the getaway driver who was not a gang member, was jailed for three years, to be suspended immediately. Steve remains in hiding & knows he can never return to Queensland. "Almost every day I wake up & check my car for bombs. I change cars a lot & never stick to routine. "The day they attack me is the day I will go to jail for the rest of my life . . . if I don't die."

Motorcycle Clubs In Town: Need For Concern? – June 14, 2008 - *Washington* - By Valerie Hurst - You're sure to hear a lot of thunder this weekend. Motorcycle groups from all over are in town. You contacted us... worried a gang fight was going to blow up between the bikers. So we went straight to the source & asked them. (reporter) "You have the Bandidos, is that considered a dangerous group?" "No it's all about the brotherhood & riding a motorcycle & actually getting out there & being free," explains club member B.L. Both the "Crawdad Run" & the "Abate Rally" are set up in the lower valley. Motorcyclists from all over are driving in. Crawdad organizers tell us there'll be music, great food, & camping. What there will not be... is violence. They say you won't find gangs at these events. And they claim rumors of rival bikers fighting is just not true. "We're not promoting violence, don't expect none, coz we're just a bunch, group of people who just wanna be with eachother & have fun," B.L. says. Back in 2000, someone died in a shootout between motorcycle rivals at the abate rally. The sheriff's office & state patrol beefed up security. State troopers tell us they haven't heard any rumors of trouble for this year's events.

"I'm an optimist because pessimists jump out of the window & are no longer involved" - - James Burke

Bikies in violent prison clashes – June 14, 2008 - *Australia* - By Nigel Hunt - Two violent clashes involving rival bikie gang members in Yatala Labour Prison has prompted an emergency meeting between police & Correctional Services. The meeting was called following the incidents during the past fortnight – a serious stabbing & a bashing – & amid fears the increasing number of bikies being arrested will result in more tensions in SA prisons. Correctional Services is seeking intelligence from police on gang members & associates to enable prison managers to prevent clashes between rival gang members by housing them in different areas. Prison bikies: PDF file of who did what. Correctional Services chief executive officer Peter Severin said yesterday several strategies were being examined to ensure the problem did not escalate. "We are certainly very concerned at the increased number of gang members – not necessarily bikies – & their associates coming into the prison system," he said. "We need to be very proactive in identifying early any incompatibility issues. We are also looking at management strategies to ensure we keep incompatible groups of people apart in the prison system. "While it is not a systemic problem, it is certainly clear there is a marked increase." Severin confirmed his officers were examining improving information exchange with police, saying intelligence on gang recruiting & associations formed between existing gang members & other criminals inside prisons could also assist police. He said he would soon meet senior police to see what else could be done to improve the management of prisoners who were "potentially" going to be difficult within the system. Police sources said Wednesday's meeting involved officers from the Crime Gangs Task Force, the Police Corrections Section & the Correctional Services investigation & intelligence section. The two violent incidents in Yatala involved full members of the Hells Angels & Rebels, a Finks associate & a former Hells Angels nominee. In the most serious incident, the Rebels member, who cannot be identified because of a suppression order, was stabbed in the head by a Finks associate. Yatala sources said the Rebel suffered several knife wounds to his head after being attacked in B Division on June 4. He was taken to Modbury Hospital for emergency treatment, but returned to Yatala the same day. The Finks associate, who has an extensive criminal history of violent offending, allegedly made the makeshift knife in a prison workshop. On May 30, a high-ranking Hells Angels member was involved in a violent brawl with a former gang nominee. The bikie had been transferred to Yatala from the Adelaide Remand Centre the same day. The fight, which occurred in a gym in E Division, also involved several other prisoners who have become aligned with the Hells Angels member. Sources said the well-known Hells Angels member was attacked by the former nominee as part of an ongoing feud between the two men linked to their activities. While detectives from the Police Corrections Section have investigated both incidents, no one has been charged because of a lack of co-operation from those involved & other witnesses. The 2 incidents followed a Finks-sanctioned slashing in the Adelaide Remand Centre in March that almost claimed the life of another prisoner. The growing violence has sparked concern among Yatala prison officers who believe it is "just a matter of time" before there is a major gang-related incident. "These guys play for keeps & it is now abundantly clear they are bringing their feuds into the prison," one senior officer, who declined to be identified, said. "Unfortunately, we are the meat in the sandwich & have to deal with it."

Joe still enjoyed chasing girls when he got to be 80. When his wife was asked if she minded, she answered, "Why should I be upset? Dogs chase cars, but they can't drive."

Outlaws bikie gang quizzed over fundraising raffle – June 15, 2008 – *Australia* - By Nick Taylor - WA Police raided a bikie-gang clubhouse over a fundraising raffle. Members of the Outlaws bikie gang had sold 250 tickets at \$200 each. The prize was a \$28,000 Harley-Davidson motorcycle & they were preparing to draw the winning ticket when police swooped. Officers from the Gang Crime Squad & the Licensing Enforcement Unit launched simultaneous raids on the Outlaws clubroom in Port Kennedy & hit two houses in Port Kennedy & Eden Hill. A booze bus & traffic police were also brought in for last Saturday's operation, codenamed Harrier, with search warrants issued under the Wagering & Gaming Act & the Liquor Licensing Act. Police said the bikies did not have an Office of Racing, Gaming & Liquor permit for the raffle & they believed the raffle was being used not only as a fundraiser, but as a bid also to increase membership by offering inducements once they had attracted ticket-holders to their headquarters. The prize bike, cash & alcohol were seized. Gang members were still being interviewed. No charges have been laid over the raffle, but charges including possession of weapons, possession of cannabis & smoking implements, drink-driving offences, street drinking & having unregistered vehicles have been laid. Inquiries were continuing over the sale of alcohol. More than 50 people were at the raffle. One officer said: "These people thought they could act above the law. The money was to go into their coffers. There was no accountability. Genuinely needy charities could suffer from the antics of this gang." He said ticket-holders would not have their money returned. The Outlaws, one of the World's oldest & biggest bikie gangs, has been trying for three years to establish a foothold in WA. It is one of seven bikie gangs in WA, with the Coffin Cheaters, Gypsy Jokers, Club Deroes, Rebels, Hells Angels & God's Garbage. The Outlaws were founded in Illinois in 1935 & have about 200 chapters in the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, & Europe.

New bikie gang Notorious patrols Kings Cross – June 15, 2008 - *Australia* - By Kara Lawrence - A New breed of criminal gang whose members specialize in drug dealing, extortion & violence is taking over Sydney's premier nightclub district. Police fear the gang Notorious has become the security muscle for a Kings Cross identity. The gang is the first known in Sydney to follow an international trend of being outlaw "bikies without bikes". While its dozens of city-based members wear full bikie colours, only a few members ride motorcycles. Its members range from seasoned, senior former members of the now-defunct Nomads outlaw motorcycle gang's Parramatta chapter to newly-recruited teenagers as young as 14. They are largely from Sydney's western suburbs & of Middle Eastern & Pacific Islander background. The gang is believed to be focused on criminal activities & have links to the security industry. It is feared they are acting as unofficial security to Kings Cross nightclubs linked to 1 person in particular.

Heaven & hell at the ROT – Jun 16, 2008 – *Texas* - By Dylan Miracle - People come to motorcycle rallies for mostly the same reasons, to be with friends & have a good time. Oh, & to show off their bikes. And their breasts. To understand a biker rally, it is necessary to understand bikers. To understand bikers, it is necessary to seek out the baddest ones with the hardest reputations. At the Republic of Texas rally, which took place over the weekend, those would be the Bandidos. "It's the people," said Marshal Mitchell, a Bandido from Longview, as he sat next to "Gimme Jimmy," the president of the Austin chapter of the Bandidos. The Bandidos, a motorcycle club started in Houston 42 years ago, is followed by a mythology of violence &

criminality, a reputation Jimmy has an easy explanation for. "Newspapers," he said, "Twelve guys riding bikes, drinking a six-pack told one guy 'Get away before we beat you up.' Got turned into '800 bikers came in & raped & pillaged a town.' Overnight the story changed. That is how we got our reputation. A reporter & a photographer wanted to sell a story." To Jimmy, who has been coming to the rally for 14 years, the Bandidos are about family & brotherhood. Much of the rally echoes this sentiment. While the Bandidos represent one of the more famous & close knit motorcycle clubs, many other groups come to the rally. The Gospel Riders, a group of Christian bikers, talk to people about motorcycles & Jesus. The rally gives them more opportunities to minister to people than their day-to-day lives. Edson Smith, a Gospel Rider, offered a small red glass bead. "This represents a drop of Jesus' blood," said Smith, who added that the reason for accepting Jesus is clear: "The main thing is you don't want to go to hell." When night fell at the rally, the scene changed into its own kind of hell. The air was a thick fume of dust & exhaust. Deafening engine noise accompanied women young & old who exposed themselves to men who gibbered like demons, desperate for a glimpse of breast. A combination of headlights, taillights & generator-powered lamps illuminated the gas & booze fueled flesh-fest in red & yellow. Near a stripper pole attached to a trailer half-naked women performed lap dances for men who clambered into the adjoining church pew. Sunday morning, a rider on a 4-wheeler celebrated his victory with a drunken 6 a.m. drag race, tipping his 4-wheeler over & sliding along the ground. The few people still awake rushed over to see if he was OK. He pulled the four-wheeler level, stuck out his tongue & sped away, with only wounded pride. That is the ROT Rally. As Jimmy said, "We're going to be ourselves, & we're going to ride our motorcycles, & we're going to be free."

Supreme Court meets Monday morning - June 16, 2008 - *Washington, DC* - The Supreme Court is meeting to issue opinions & announce whether it has accepted any new cases. As the court convenes Monday morning, the justices have 17 cases left to resolve before the term ends in late June. Major cases still undecided include a landmark 2nd Amendment case on the meaning of the right to keep & bear arms, a Louisiana law that allows people convicted of raping children to be given the death penalty & whether to approve a \$2.5 billion judgment against Exxon Mobil Corp. for the Exxon Valdez disaster in 1989.

Funeral for state's top Gypsy Joker – June 16, 2008 – *Australia* – By Wayne McGrath - Gypsy Jokers outlaw motorcycle gang members from across Australia & overseas are converging on Adelaide for the funeral of the SA president tomorrow. Wayne "Chiller" McGrath died last week of natural causes. Hundreds of interstate Gypsy Joker members are expected in Adelaide from today. Motorbikes are being loaded on trains in Perth to cross the Nullabor in time for the funeral. Death notices have been placed in The Advertiser by bikies from Gypsy Joker chapters in the US, Germany, Norway & South Africa, as well as WA, NSW, Victoria & Adelaide. The funeral service will be conducted at the Harrison Funeral Chapel, Golden Grove Rd, Ridgehaven, at 1pm. Later, the funeral cortege will travel to Smithfield Memorial Park Cemetery, Evanston Park, for burial.

Thought for the Day: OPEC sells oil for \$136.00 a barrel. OPEC nations buy U.S. grain at \$7.00 a bushel. Solution: Sell grain for \$136.00 a bushel. Can't buy it? Tough! Eat your oil! Ought to go well with a nice thick grilled filet of camel ass!!!

Sons Of Silence MC Nation Guestbook:

June 16, 2008 Name: Dianna Loc: Louisiana swamps Comts: Just wanted to say hello. I'm in Louisiana now. Tank always told me to come here & check it out. So I finally did. I'm sure he is lookin down at me saying its about f---ing time crack! So my door is always open if anyone needs a crash pad.

June 15, 2008 Name: Butch Loc: New Zealand Comts: Thought drop a line to Dago & Mike.. Dago let you know when you put out your next CD out... Hope your well, been awhile since we talked. Butch

June 15, 2008 Name: Bruce Warlocks MC Germany Loc: Allgäu Comts: It was great meeting all the American SOS delegation here in Germany, & getting to celebrate SOS Germany's 10 years. Have a safe trip home. Bruce

June 13, 2008 Name: DOC / Pres. Companeros MC Loc: Alkmaar - Holland (Europe) Comts: Thanks for the visit of the Sons of Silence MC-delegation to our Hacienda. It was a pleasure & an honor having you at our place. We wish you a safe trip back & we are glad we could give some assistance. All of us had a great time while you were in Alkmaar. L&R from all Companeros in Alkmaar/Holland.

June 12, 2008 Name: Debi Rae Rock Loc: Los Alamos, CA Comts: It was really a nice sight to see a Sons Of Silence patch in California! It gave our state a bit more class! To the Mighty Quinn (Minnesota chapter)--it was so cool of you to ride across the USA to see your daughters graduation! And to LBL (C.S.) - heard you are doing much better now, & I wanted to say hi. To Sons Everywhere--ride safe!

June 11th 2008 Name: Hot Rod, Damned Few MC Comts: Sending a shout out to John of the Nomads. Been awhile since I've seen you hope to again soon... Keep on doing what you do, you do it well...

June 11, 2008 Name: Allout Comts: Wanna say Hi to Nomad John stop in again next time you are in our neck of the woods. We had had a blast last time you did Allout Dave Nite Ramblers MC

June 11, 2008 Name: Jug Y-Rohirrin MC Loc: Cymru, Wales Comts: All at Y-Rohirrin would like to say we had a great time showing all the Sons, & their guests the sites of Wales, the company was good, the ale flowed when we had a chance, & we wish you all the best in the future. Hope to catch up again very soon. L&R RFFR. PS We also wish you German brothers a great 10th Anniversary.

June 10, 2008 Name: Moody Silent Rebel MC Loc: St Amant, LA Comts: We would like to say hello to all the Brothers in the sons of silence & hope to meet you in Sturgis.

June 10, 2008 Name: Lino Loc: Wales Comts: Great meeting up with you guys & having a bbq. Hope we didn't ride to fast for you on the way back to Swansea. Have a very safe & enjoyable trip to Europe & hopefully we'll meet up again one day.

June 10, 2008 Name: Beefy Loc: Cardiff, Wales Comts: Great to see the club at the Celtic Nation Show, Gower, South Wales. Wonderful sight watching them roar in. Hope they have a good trip across Europe.

June 9, 2008 Name: Scott Loc: Wyoming Comts: I am the ambassador for the Phuck It's MC just a note to say hey to Seke & S&S out of Colo. My bro used to ride with them back in the day his name is attitude. Ride Long & Ride Free

June 8, 2008 Name: Rooster "IRMC" Loc: Greeneville, TN Comts: Have a good one & keep it between the ditches...

June 8, 2008 Name: RA Loc: IL Comts: Hey Boar, Just checking out the guest book & see that you have had some shitty luck. Sorry to hear about that. Wish you all the best, & the same to the nation. If you need anything that I can give, you have my number. If you have lost it, Bronson has it. LH&R, RA

June 8, 2008 Name: Wooley Bully Loc: Terre Haute, Indiana Comts: Wanted to let everyone know that our Clubhouse may have got flooded out, but all the Brothers & Families are accounted for & doing fine. The flood did some damage, but we'll have things up & running soon. SFFS! Wooley Bully

June 7, 2008 Name: Jessie Comts: Seen one of your Nomad Bros on a Black Electra Glide standard today ,passed me & my three bros traveling at some ungodly that only One-percenters & Especially Nomad One-percenters seam to ride at, coming out of Wichita Kansas heading east on hwy 96 towards Hutchinson. Looking good & doing your Club Proud. Ride On

June 7, 2008 Name: Jbandit OFFO Outcast MC Loc: Alabama Comts: Have a great dadda day...

June 5, 2008 Name: Russell Loc: Wales Comts: Saw some of you guys in Swansea Wales on a European tour!!! Safe riding & enjoy the trip!!

June 3, 2008 Name: The Bornn Family Loc: Denver Comts: To Magoo & his family, We wanted to send our prayers & best wishes to you & your family from all of us...Sorry to hear about what happened & if their as anything we can do just email us & let us know...You are in our thoughts & prayers.... Much love & respect, William, Carolyn, Loren & David The Bornns

June 2, 2008 Name: Verdean Loc: Iowa Comts: I was at the raising of Toe knee's headstone on Sat. What a great stone!!! I'm sure Toe Knee's very proud!!! Dago---Thanks, I had a great time, & it was so nice to see so many people I hadn't seen in a long time. It was especially nice to see everybody on a good day-not because we were at a funeral. (Even if it was a cemetery) Take care guys...Luv ya, Verg

June 2, 2008 Name: Bill Loc: Indiana Comts: Saw a couple S.O.S. guys at the miracle ride in Indy; I would like to see more next year!

June 1, 2008 Name: The Bornn Family Loc: Denver Comts: To Boar & Kathy, Sorry to hear about your bike accident & the fire at your house...My families prayers our with you & Kathy...If there is anything we can do, email us at the above email...Our thoughts & prayers our with your family from our family... With much love & respect, The Bornns (HD's son William)

June 1, 2008 Name: Arawyn Blackie Loc: Washington Parish, LA Comts: Boar it was good to see you & Kathy the other day. Glad to see yall in such good spirits & to know your recovery is comin along. Respects Blackie/ Arawyns M/C

May 31, 2008 Name: Thunder & Zeke Loc: VNV/ MC Chapter "G" Pres. Florida Comts: Boar & Kathy I was surfing last night & found myself on y'all's site & read Kathy's email about your bike wreck & home fire. I went downstairs & told Thunder as he looked at me & said "Oh Fuck"! Do they need anything? He said is was going to call Boar cause they haven't kept in touch much lately... No Excuse! They been thru a lot together because of Dave. I asked Thunder Bout Y'all's wedding in Sturgis, he said that he would talk to Boar about it. But he is more concerned with your needs after losing everything. If we can help in anyway please call us at home (1st) or cell anytime. P.S. Thunder & I (jump the broom) or tied the knot not too long ago ourselves. He tells everyone he got me pregnant (hey right). But seriously we're very happy & nothing has changed. It was a last minute thing & didn't have & time to even think or change our minds. lol Yes I'm taking very good care of Him. Before you ask Boar. lol Thunder & Mrs. Thunder (Zeke) VNV/MC Chapter "G"

May 31, 2008 Name: Clayboy Loc: Dallas, TX Comts: Just showing you woods some Aryan Circle love & respects. Keep flying those colors.

May 31, 2008 Name: Louie Loc: Indy Comts: The Indy Chapter wants to Thank everyone who made it to our 39th Annual 500 Party. Special thanks to our Brothers from Indiana, Illinois,

& Arkansas. Thanks to the Westside Crew, Vigilantes, Mars Hill Charity Riders, Tribe of Judah & anyone that made it & I may have forgot. Also thanks to anyone who helped us get ready for the party & who helped during the party. As always a good time. Sons Of Silence Indy SFFS

May 26, 2008 Name: Step Phantom's MC Nomad Comts: Happy Memorial Day to all of my Veteran Brothers

May 26, 2008 Name: Hermano Roadrash Comts: Best wishes to Magoo for a full & speedy recovery! Special thanks to Newfy for updating us. Respects, Hermano Roadrash

May 25, 2008 Name: SOS Dug-E Loc: Colorado Springs Comts: I want to thank everyone for their cards & calls while I was in the hospital. Special thanks to, National Paul, American Iron MC, Soldiers For Jesus MC, Combat Vets MC, The Jinx Band, & Wendy. Thanks for your continued help. SOS Dug-E Sons Of Silence M.C Colorado Springs

May 23, 2008 Name: Dan Loc: Rochester NY Comts: how are you all doin? It is a great honor of mine to even be able to leave a message. My uncle used to ride with the Iron Horsemen a long time ago. Some of you may know him his name is Brian Charles Porth (a.k.a. the little nazi). He was always known in my family as Brian Charles Manson. He loved riding with all of you. And wishes he still could...

May 23, 2008 Name: Dog & Kitty Abate Iowa D4 Loc: WDSM, IA Comts: Our Best wishes to Magoo for a speedy recovery & heartfelt condolences to Sarge & family for your tragic loss. Our thoughts are with you. L & R Dog & Kitty

May 22, 2008 Name: John Comts: The Gangkofen Chapter wish Brother Magoo a speedy recovery .We are thinking of you. L&R John Gangkofen /Germany

May 21, 2008 Name: Jessica Loc: Indiana Comts: Just heard about Jackie & her beau Meat's motorcycle accident. I am praying for you both & wish you a speedy recovery. I love you guys...

May 21, 2008 Name: Big Paul By Leah Lautt Loc: Hot-n-Sunny ND Comts: Blacktop full of chrome & thunder we could hear them come from all around Through a sea of leather & patches other amazed at all the love that you'd found All of us - ever the toughest stopped & said a prayer... We all believe in strength & numbers, God heard each & everyone, we knew you felt us there. The kind of love that fills these rooms, is very rare & hard to find. It mocks the slurs & stereo-types that are put upon our kind... Today-some of us will have to go, but we will be back tomorrow. Because God know we all lover you, we leave with faith instead of sorrow All our love to you Magoo.

May 20, 2008 Name: Michael & Kathy Loftin (Skinny's Parents) Loc: Central Iowa Comts: Sarge & Family, Our thoughts & prayers are with you in this very difficult time, If there is anything you need, please just let us know, God Bless...

May 20, 2008 Name: Klaus Loc: South Central (Munich) Chapter Comts: Hey Brother Magoo on behalf of the South Central Germany Chapter I wish you a speedy recovery hope you get well soon. With Love & Respect Klaus...

May 20, 2008 Name: Jason IHMC Loc: Still cold out Comts: The Iron Horsemen Maine want to wish a speedy & complete recovery to our SOS Brother Magoo. Sorry to hear about the accident & really glad it will turn out ok. Someone should put a good thought out for the bus too, bet you put a hurt on it. Hope you will be back in the saddle soon. L,L&R from all of us.

May 20, 2008 Name: Solid Brotherhood MC Loc: Minnesota & North Dakota Comts: Magoo, our prayers & thoughts are with you & your family, if you need any help around the ranch let us know & we will be there. L & R Solid Brotherhood M.C.

May 19, 2008 Name: Gary Loc: W. Minn. I guess Comts: Good to hear Magoo is doing fine. The X Winos in W. Minn. are keeping tabs on ya. See ya in the wind soon. L&R X Winos MC

May 19, 2008 Name: Defiant Souls /Bruiser Loc: Muscatine, Iowa Comts: Our best wishes go out to Magoo. Thoughts & prayers. Hope you have a fast & complete healing process. L&R
May 19, 2008 Name: Bull Loc: Florida Comts: The Florida Chapter Phantom's MC sends its best wishes to Magoo for a speedy recovery...

May 19, 2008 Name: Miserable George Loc: Cocoa, FL. Comts: Magoo, I met you at WMC in Cocoa. Best wishes for a speedy & complete recovery. Hope the little dogs made it OK too! God Bless You & your family & all the SOS Brothers. GMG

May 18, 2008 Name: Wild Bill Loc: Santa Ana, California Comts: I like what the club stands for & I would like to join. Is there a Chapter here in Southern Califas I can look into? Good luck to all members & I hope to meet some of you later. With most Respect to all, Wild Bill

May 18, 2008 Name: Billy Warlock Comts: On behalf of the Orlando Mother Chapter of the Warlocks MC, sending a speedy recovery to SOS Magoo of North Dakota with our L & R.

May 18, 2008 Name: Tattoo Joe Loc: FCI Waseca Comts: We want to convey a hearty congratulations to the Hutch Chapter on their 30th anniversary. L&R, Tattoo Joe, Bear, Nick & Josh

May 17, 2008 Name: Big John Nat'l President Loc: The Beach Comts: Best wishes & a speedy recovery to Brother Magoo...

May 17, 2008 Name: Shotgun Loc: Highland Clan M/C Comts: The Highland Clan M/C sends our thoughts & hopes of a recovery out to Magoo.

May 17, 2008 Name: Dawn Loc: Danville, Illinois Comts: Just checking to see if the SOS MC in the vermilion county area need help with poker runs, charity events, toys for tots....I have just opened a new bar/grill & would love to participate or help in any way.... Thanks, Dawn

May 16, 2008 Name: T Bag Loc: Colorado Springs Comts: To all SOS dug-e wanted to let you all know that he is doing ok & looking forward to getting out of the hospital he has been moved to room 826 & is looking forward to having you all come visit & spend some time with him American Iron Probate T Bag

May 15, 2008 Name: Robert Wingler Loc: Hillsboro, IL Comts: A lot of riders in this area are very sorry for the way you were hassled May 10, 08 from the riders in the area we are sorry keep it up rite & in the wind

Iron Horsemen MC Nation Guestbook:

June 10, 2008 Name: Elf Loc: American Dawgs Comts: I want to personally thank all the Iron Horseman that came to support our Brother Hoppy & our sister Firefly. It really meant a lot to us to see you all there. Thanks again, Elf; Secretary

June 10, 2008 Name: Jug One-Percenter Loc: Cymru (Wales) Comts: Just a line to say it was a pleasure meeting & having a drink with your members who traveled on the European Tour with the SOS. Hope to meet you all soon!

June 8, 2008 Name: Snoop Web: American Dawgs Comts: Just stopping by to thank everyone who could make it to the benefit for Hoppy & Carol. It was a good time for a great cause. Thanks again. All my respects to the Iron Horsemen Nation.

June 8, 2008 Name: Rooster "IRMC" Loc: Greeneville, Tenn Comts: Have A Good One Bro...

June 8, 2008 Name: "EZ" Loc: Eastern Iowa Comts: I want to thank Rooster & Hank for coming to our chapter's 5th anniversary party. That means a lot to me. Doesn't matter if we are working or playing, it's always great to see you guys. Love & respect from all of us here in Eastern Iowa. "EZ" SFFS

June 6, 2008 Name: Hickory Web: Proud Few MC Loc: Just around the corner Comts: Haven't heard from y'all in a while - hope all is well. Burrito, I tried to call you - but must have an old number. Give me a yell if ya get a chance. Hickory

June 1, 2008 Name: Bubba N/E Loc: Baltimore , Maryland but hanging my hat elsewhere. For now! Comts: Get er done my brothers! Central Maryland. Been a long time coming.

May 30, 2008 Name: Hardcore Hank Loc: Always 2 steps ahead of ya. Comts: Congrats to the new Central Maryland Chapter . Good Work Brothers. IHMC Nomads

May 28, 2008 Name: Backwards Bob Web: Iron Horsemen Nation Loc: Over Here Comts: Thanks to the Hamilton Chapter & that Whole Region for A Kick Ass Weekend. Good Food, Good Times, Great Brothers. What more could a person want. Yee Fuckin Haw

May 27, 2008 Name: Jason IHMC Maine Loc: Mom blamed the mail man Comts: Thanks to the Hamilton Chapter for the hospitality & Great Time this weekend. We had a blast. Excellent food, great entertainment & time spent with the best brothers on the planet! I am looking forward to many more to come. L,L&R to the Entire Iron Horsemen Nation, J IHFFIH

May 27, 2008 Name: Iggy Loc: Frankfort, KY Comts: It's been about 12 years since a dear good friend of mine & Iron Horsemen passed. Tinker, u will always be remembered & all the others that have passed. Brian I don't think I ever met u, but my prayers go out to u. love & respect from Frankfort, KY.

May 26, 2008 Name: Snoop Comts: Stopping by to thank the Hamilton chapter for putting on a great field meet. Everyone had a great time. Cold beer, great food, & as Squirrel said, a 1st-class event. All my respects to the Iron Horsemen Nation

May 26, 2008 Name: Mojo Loc: N KY Comts: Want to say a huge thanks to the Hamilton Chapter for the good times yesterday. Was a pleasure & an honor to meet so many great guys from IHMC Nation. Great times, food, & the entertainment was a blast! Respects to all of IHMC Nation. Mojo Pres - Road Ravens MC

May 26, 2008 Name: Step Phantom's MC Nomad Comts: Happy Memorial Day to all my Veteran Brothers!

May 23, 2008 Name: Robert Eggers Loc: Cincy, Ohio Comts: My uncle was Farmer John, John Eggers. He was a huge part of my life growing up & he & my father, Tim, along with Bill, their older brother, were as tight as brothers can be. It almost brings tears to my eyes to see you men have kept his memory alive. Farmer was a legend, & I carry with me one of his old guns, never letting it go. He was taken from my family too soon, but you are all a part of us for keeping your brother, my uncle, in memory. Goes to show, sometimes your family ain't just your blood.

May 8, 2008 Name: Zips Wife {Deb} Loc: In A Bad Way! Comts: Richard Szpyt would Appreciate any Letters, Cards, Canteen, He is Down & Out! The Address IS Richard W Szpyt Cumberland County Jail 50 County Way, Portland, Maine 04102

May 6, 2008 Name: Big Paul Loc: Hott & Sunny ND Comts: I Want to say Thank You all for the Calls, Thoughts & Prayers I & my family have received since the passing of my Mother this last Sunday, being part of this family is what life I all about Fuckin Ehh Love Ya Brothers L & R Big Paul SOS MC SFFS, IHFFE

May 2, 2008 Name: Ricky I.H.M.C. KY. Loc: Kentucky Comts: I would like to Thank My Brothers for there, Thoughts & Condolences as my Brother Kenny Passed away also Thank-You to MY Chapters Flowers & Donation I couldn't have expected nothing less from my Brothers , That's just how we roll To My Brother Hooper you're best & to all My Brothers much Love & Respect, also Thank-You for everything Hank ,you the man.

April 26, 2008 Name: Mary Bennett, x-wife of Mr. Iron Horsemen, Hutch Loc: Kentucky Comts: Happy anniversary to Hutch on his 31st anniversary. May you have many more. L&R

April 24, 2008 Name: Frog Loc: IHMC Nation Comts: Get well soon Mongrel, I was glad I got the chance to see you at the hospital before you got released, I really enjoyed our visit. You

really looked good considering you just had back surgery; I wish you a speedy recovery... Love ya Bro, Frog

Phantom's MC Nation Guestbook:

Roadrage - June 8th 2008 Loc: South Comts: Want to send a big thanks to all my brothers up North for the support & good wishes you all sent down to me in my time of need . Thanks Brothers Much Love, Respect, Honor & Class. So in return I will be sending Joker And Chaos Up for June 21, 08 No thanks needed wish I could Be their myself. Thanks again Brothers...

Roadrage - June 8th 2008 Loc: South Comts: Want to thank Brother Bull & his family for the support he gave me & my family while I was in the Hosp. for the last 3 weeks Thanks Brother & all the FI brothers for their support...

Big John Nomad - May 27th 2008 Loc: The Mountains Comts: Phantom's Forever Forever Phantom's - Ride Hard Ride Fast - Later Big John Nomad

Mad Jack - May 26th 2008 Web: Veterans of Vietnam MCA How did you find this Web Site? Nomad Big John Loc: USA/Thailand Comts: Wanted to stop in & Say a Big Hello to all the Phantom's MC. Wishing all your active duty troops serving a safe return soon. All the best in 08! Mad Jack-VoVMC

Step One-Percenter - May 26th 2008 Loc: Nomad Comts: Happy Memorial Day to all of my Veteran Brothers...

Bad Kitty - May 11th 2008 Loc: Joliet Comts: I was wondering if any of you older brothers remember Billy Keagle from Joliet. I am his daughter email me & let me know.

Tom - April 1st 2008 Loc: Germany Comts: Greedings from good old Germany the snow is gone & we start in the new saison Phantom MC 1975 Germany PFFP

David Letterman is in Trouble with NAACP! Now, this is funny. I'll bet Dave Letterman does get some 'flak' from the NAACP. Al Sharpton & Rev Jackson will go nuts! Letterman's Top 10 reasons why there are no black NASCAR drivers:

- # 10 - Have to sit upright while driving.
- # 9 - Pistol won't stay under front seat.
- # 8 - Engine noise drowns out the rap music.
- # 7 - Pit crew can't work on car while holding up pants at the same time.
- # 6 - They keep trying to carjack Dale Earnhardt Jr.
- # 5 - Police cars on track interfere with race.
- # 4 - No passenger seat for the Ho.
- # 3 - No Cadillac's approved for competition.
- # 2 - When they crash their cars, they bail out & run.
- # 1 - They Can't wear their helmets sideways.

A U.S. Navy Admiral was attending a naval conference that included Admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian & French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a large group of Officers that included personnel from most of those countries. Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks but a French admiral suddenly complained that, whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English.' He then asked, 'Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?' Without hesitating, the American Admiral replied 'Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies & Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German.' You could have heard a pin drop.

An old couple is on a walk, when a pigeon flies by & deposits a poopy little present on the woman's head. "Yech!" says the woman. "Get some toilet paper." "What for? He must be half-a-mile away by now."

Don't tread on me – June 17, 2008 – *Oklahoma to Washington DC* – WorldNetDaily - State House defends its sovereignty from D.C. intrusion. Steamed over a perceived increase in Fed usurping of states' rights, Oklahoma's House of Representatives told Washington, D.C., to back off. Joint House Resolution 1089, passed by an overwhelming 92-3 margin, reasserts Oklahoma's sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and, according to the resolution's own language, is "serving notice to the Fed Gov't to cease & desist certain mandates." The Tenth Amendment states, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people." Traditionally, this language has meant that the Fed Gov't is limited in its scope & cannot usurp the sovereign powers of states. In recent decades, however, as the size & reach of the Fed Gov't has expanded, many have come to question whether Washington has stepped on states' rights & gotten too big for its breeches. Charles Key, the Republican state representative who authored the resolution, told WND that he introduced it because he believes the Fed Gov't's overstepping of its bounds has put our constitutional form of Gov't in danger. "The more we stand by & watch the Fed Gov't get involved in areas where it has no legal authority, we kill the Constitution a little at a time," he said. "The last few decades, the Constitution has been hanging by a thread." Specifically, Resolution 1089 says the following: "The State of Oklahoma hereby claims sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States over all powers not otherwise enumerated & granted to the Fed Gov't by the Constitution of the United States." The resolution resolves that Oklahoma will "serve as notice & demand to the Fed government, as our agent, to cease & desist, effective immediately, mandates that are beyond the scope of these constitutionally delegated powers." It also instructs that "a copy of this resolution be distributed to the president of the United States, the president of the United States Senate, the speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the speaker of the House & the president of the Senate of each state's legislature of the United States of America, & each member of the Oklahoma congressional delegation." The resolution does not, as some have speculated, amount to secession, but it does send a warning signal to Washington: Oklahoma does not intend to be bullied by big brother government. The Sooner State became a hotbed of Fed vs. state authority clashes earlier this month when a Fed judge blocked a portion of Oklahoma's tough immigration laws, ruling that plaintiffs would likely establish that the state mandates preempted Fed immigration laws. Oklahoma's immigration statute, known as the Oklahoma Taxpayer & Citizen Protection Act of 2007, originated as House Bill 1804 (co-authored, incidentally, by Key). It has been characterized by USA Today as "arguably the nation's toughest state law targeting illegal immigration." The statute prohibits illegal immigrants from receiving tax-supported services & makes it a state crime to transport or harbor illegal immigrants. It also mandates that businesses take measures to verify the work eligibility of employees & independent contractors. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce & individual chambers of commerce in Oklahoma challenged the latter mandates, set to go into effect July 1, in court. On June 4th, U.S. District Judge Robin J. Cauthron issued an injunction against enforcing the July 1 mandates. "We've just had a Fed judge say that our immigration law's employer provisions are unconstitutional, claiming it as Fed Gov't territory," said Key in response. "That goes right to the issue of (Resolution 1089). The Fed Gov't doesn't have the right to have sole domain over that issue or many of the issues it has spilled over into." Though House Joint Resolution 1089 received great support in Oklahoma's House of Representatives, it has now

hit a roadblock. In the state's Senate, where the seats are split, 24-24, between Republicans & Democrats, the resolution was sent to the Senate's rules committee, where it languished without action until the legislature adjourned. According to Key, the Senate has worked out agreements on how to manage the political tie, including power given to the Democratic senators to not hear certain bills. Those senators, says Key, refuse to even hear Resolution 1089. In the House, where Republicans enjoy a 57-44 majority, Resolution 1089 received a hearing & was supported overwhelmingly on both sides of the aisle. "I was on the Democratic side of the floor," said Key, "and one member went off talking about how far we've gotten, how bad (Fed overreaches of power) are getting – it's the kind of thing you hear in coffee shops." Key said his bill "is making a difference" in the way legislators in Oklahoma are talking & thinking about state's rights. "I think it will make even more of a difference," he said, "when I bring it up again." He vows to put the pressure on Oklahoma's Senate to pass a resolution like 1089, & he plans to begin communicating the cause with legislators around the country, urging them to bring up the issue in their states. Key passed a similar resolution in 1994, when he was serving a previous tenure in the legislature. But that attempt was only a House resolution. He authored 1089 as a joint resolution because, he said, he wanted to increase its exposure. "As people who believe in this constitutional form of government," he said, "we need to bring this issue to a national level & debate."

South Toledo MC operator arrested on drug charges – June 17, 2008 – *Ohio* - The operator of a South Toledo MC was arrested yesterday after police raided the place & seized drugs. Also arrested were 21 other people, including three juveniles, on a variety of felony & misdemeanor charges, authorities said. Cheryl Dread, 52, of 2120 Lagrange St., the operator of the Ninja Club, 555 Spencer St., was charged with two counts of drug abuse & one count of trafficking in drugs. She was being held in the Lucas County jail pending arraignment tomorrow in Toledo Municipal Court. Police served a "no-knock" search warrant at the club about 3:30 a.m., & found about 100 adults & the 3 juveniles. Seized during the search were 2 grams of cocaine, 4 grams of heroin, 9 Ecstasy pills, 4 Valium pills, & 8 ounces of marijuana, police said.

Autopsy report awaited in death of jail inmate – June 17, 2008 – *Ohio* - The cause of death of the operator of a South Toledo motorcycle club whose body was found Sunday in her cell in the Lucas County jail is pending results of toxicology tests, according to the Lucas County Coroner's Office. Cheryl Dread, 52, of 2120 Lagrange St., who operated the Ninja Club, was found unresponsive in her bed about 11:50 a.m. Sunday. Dread, who had a history of drug abuse & heart problems, was pronounced dead several minutes later, authorities said. She was arrested at 3:30 a.m. Sat along with 21 other people, including three juveniles, when police raided the Ninja Club. Dread was charged with drug trafficking & 2 counts of drug abuse.

A man walks into his bedroom & sees his wife packing a suitcase. He asks; 'What are you doing?' She answers, 'I'm moving to Nevada. I heard that the prostitutes there get paid \$400 for doing what I do for you for free.' Later that night, on her way out, the wife walks into the bedroom & sees her husband packing his suitcase. When she asks him where he's going, he replies, 'I'm coming too. I want to see how you live on \$800 a year.'

'A lot of people spend time talking to the Animals, but not that many people listen. That's the real problem!' -- Winnie the Pooh

Warlock Micah Update – June 15, 2008 – *Florida* - Saw Micah tonight, he is doing better but still having breathing problems from the trauma, another CT scan was being done tonight on his chest & his left wrist as it was broken during when the bullet hit it & the ensuing scuffle we are hoping that he is breathing on his own by the beginning of the week, he is still medically sedated & in ICU. Big John, National President Warlocks MC

Bike Week parking a hot commodity in The Weirs – June 17, 2008 - *New Hampshire* - By John Koziol - The good news is that despite the congestion, there's still lots of parking available in The Weirs for anybody who wants to go check out Bike Week. The less-than-good news, however, is that the parking comes at a cost - some parking lots are charging \$10 per bike & \$20 for cars & trucks. One property owner defended the prices, saying customers are paying for the convenience of having a relatively short walk to the heart of Bike Week activities at the intersection of Route 3 & Lakeside Avenue. Don Richards thinks squeezing bikers is counterproductive, especially during an event designed almost exclusively for them. The president of the Weirs Community Park Association, a non-profit group of volunteers that for more than three decades has worked on getting a park built on Lucerne Avenue, Richards oversees the WCPA's annual Bike Week parking fundraiser at its expansive lot, which is also located on Lucerne Avenue, directly behind the Weirs Community Center. "We've held at \$5 per bike since we opened several years ago," said Richards, who added that the WCPA's stance has not been popular with some of its neighbors who want to charge more, but it has been popular with Charlie St. Clair, the executive director of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association, which promotes the rally. "We don't want to gouge the motorcyclists," said Richards. "It's a biker week & we should take care of them." But "cars are a different story. Nobody seems to complain about that," he said. The WCPA will raise its non-bike parking rate to \$20 come Noon Thursday when the Weirs Channel Bridge is closed to everything except two-wheelers & emergency & service vehicles.

Tatts Life & Death at the Naked Gun – June 17, 2008 - *Australia* - The President of the Life & Death motorcycle gang has been shot at a tattoo parlour in Sydney's northwest. The 31-year-old man, reportedly a member of the Life & Death bikie gang, was shot in the leg at the The Naked Gun 2 Studio in Windsor about 5.45pm yesterday. He was taken to Nepean District Hospital in a satisfactory condition, police say. The man was reportedly under police guard last night. A worker in Windsor, who did not wish to be named, said she & a male companion were walking to her car down a laneway near the parlour when she heard yelling followed by a gunshot.

Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on. "You have been to France before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked sarcastically. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously. "Then you should know enough to have your passport ready." The American said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it." "Impossible. Americans always have to show your passports on arrival in France!" The American senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then he quietly explained, "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find a single Frenchmen to show a passport to." You could have heard a pin drop.

More motorcycles could mean more accidents – June 17, 2008 – *Pennsylvania* - By Christopher Ruvo; The Intelligencer - When Dublin's Kelly Riegel lost control of a motorcycle, he crashed into a guardrail. When New Hope's John Caton was prevented from negotiating a turn by his kickstand, his BMW motorcycle smashed into a tree. Both men lost their lives. Police hope the accidents, which occurred less than a week apart this month in Plumstead, are not a signal that this summer's riding season is going to see a spike in deadly crashes. But with motorcycle sales rising as the price of gasoline grows beyond \$4 per gallon, there's potential for more motorcycles on the road — & more accidents. "Anytime you're going to have more motorcycles out, there's a chance you're going to have an increase in motorcycle-related accidents," said Hilltown Police Chief Christopher Engelhart. And when such accidents occur, "There's more potential for life-altering injury." In 2003, there were six motorcycle fatalities in Bucks County, according to the Pennsylvania Dept of Transportation. For 2007, that doubled to 12 deaths. During the same period, the number of registered motorcycles in the county spiked 31 percent, from 13,348 to 17,494. The number of licensed motorcycle drivers in the county rose from 36,029 in 2003 to 38,139 in 2007, a 5.8% jump.

They've got the whole thing backwards. Instead of sending 18-year-olds off to fight, they ought to take us old guys. You shouldn't be able to join a military unit until you're at least 35. **For starters:** Researchers say 18-year-olds think about sex every 10 seconds. Old guys only think about sex a couple of times a day, leaving us more than 28,000 additional seconds per day to concentrate on the enemy. Young guys haven't lived long enough to be cranky, & a cranky soldier is a dangerous soldier. 'My back hurts! I can't sleep, I'm tired & hungry!' We are impatient & maybe letting us kill some asshole that desperately deserves it will make us feel better & shut us up for a while. An 18-year-old doesn't even like to get up before 10 a.m. Old guys always get up early to pee so what the hell. Besides, like I said, 'I'm tired & can't sleep & since I'm already up, I may as well be up killing some fanatical son-of-a-bitch. If captured we couldn't spill the beans because we'd forget where we put them. In fact, name, rank, & serial number would be a real brainteaser. Boot camp would be easier for old guys. We're used to getting screamed & yelled at & we like soft food. We've also developed an appreciation for guns. We've been using them for years as an excuse to get out of the house, away from the screaming & yelling. They could lighten up on the obstacle course however. I've been in combat & didn't see a single 20-foot wall with rope hanging over the side, nor did I ever do any pushups after completing basic training. I can hear the Drill Sgt. Now, 'Get down & give me ... ER ... One.' Actually, the running part is kind of a waste of energy, too. I've never seen anyone outrun a bullet. An 18-year-old has the whole world ahead of him. He's still learning to shave, to start up a conversation with a pretty girl. He still hasn't figured out that a baseball cap has a brim to shade his eyes, not the back of his head. These are all great reasons to keep our kids at home to learn a little more about life before sending them off into harm's way. The last thing an enemy would want to see right now is a couple of million pissed off old farts with attitudes & automatic weapons who know that their best years are already behind them.

Love... Shows Heart... Loyalty... Keeps Us Together...
Respect... Shows Character... Every day is a new day...
There is No Instant Rewind in Life!