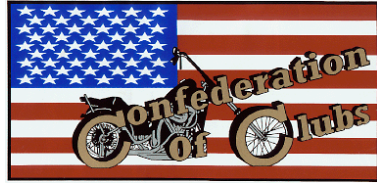


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Thanks goes to the Road Scholar Jimbo of Louisiana for his \$ 20.00 Donation to this BBB Newsletter... Thank you...

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Welcome Bandido Gary to the NCOM BBB Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome Vago Richard to the NCOM BBB Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome Pagan Rodent to the NCOM BBB Newsletter Mailing List...

In Memory Of Outlaw LiL Frank; GBNF 6-24-2007...

Sad news this morning! – June 25, 2008 – Minnesota / North Dakota - The Solid Brotherhood MC a SOS Minnesota support club lost a Brother this morning. "Paul Hans" who was the Solid Brotherhood MC Treasurer was involved in a Bike/Deer accident early this morning in North Dakota & was killed. These are all the details I have at this point. I will pass along any more info that comes my way.

A Big Thank you goes to SteelHorse Riders M/C Cappy, Chino, & Q from Michigan for becoming the newest sponsor of this newsletter. They have sent a check for \$ 300.00 for One Year sponsorship at \$ 25.00 a month... Cappy, Chino, & Q of the SteelHorse Riders MC are very close friends with Liberty Rider Matt who receives the newsletter... Please drop them a note of appreciation when you can at: Cappy P.O. Box 182393 Shelby Township, MI 48318 Thank You!!!

Editor's Note: Sons Of Silence MC LiL Paul from North Dakota, who is a new sponsor of this newsletter address is: Paul Brown; 901 4th Ave East; West Fargo ND 58078. Please drop LiL Paul a Thank You note... L&R, Mike SFFS

Editor's Note: I want to personally thank Pagan Lazy, SOS LiL Paul, Sundowner Chico Two Guns, Prairie Rattlers MC, Outlaw RT, Pharoah Ron, Road Scholar Jimbo, (SteelHorse MC Cappy, Chino & Q) & the rest of those that made recent donations. Comment, because of their donations there will be 4 Issues in June... And there will be extra money for future months where donations are down...

Thank you to all the Brothers Behind Bars for all the cards that were sent to Sons Of Silence Magoo. He really appreciated getting all of them. Also to all the phone calls from all the different clubs. Love Maureen...

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

Editor's Note: I produce a NCOM BBB Newsletter for members mainly of Motorcycle Clubs. Info in the Newsletter contains News Articles & other info that may be of interest to a biker behind bars. Financial support for this Newsletter comes mainly from NCOM, MCs & Tattoo Shops. New Brothers added to the NCOM BBB Newsletter's Mailing List are approved via their respective club's contact Brother.

Editor's Note: The current NCOM BBB Mailing List includes 21 Bandidos, 1 Banshees, 2 BPM, 5 Breed, 1 Boozefighters, 1 Brother Speed, 2 Christian Motorcycle Association, 2 Death Squad, 2 Devils Diciples, 4 Diablos, 3 Finks, 1 Free Souls, 16 Hells Angels, 1 Hermano, 1 In Country Vietnam, 8 Iron Horsemen, 1 Iron Ranger, 1 Iron Wings, 1 Liberty Riders, 1 Mohawk Valley Riders, 8 Mongols, 28 Outlaws, 13 Pagan's, 2 Phantom's, 4 Pharoah's, 1 Reapers, 1 Renegades, 1 Salramanials, 9 Sons Of Silence, 1 Sundowners, 1 Thunderbird, 2 Vagos, 1 Vietnam Vet, & 5 Warlocks... Of which: 6 - Australia, 2 - Norway, 2 - England & 3 - Sweden... Total of 152...

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 & For June there are 4 newsletters...

Alcohol doesn't solve any problems, but - then again - neither does milk.

## **Bikers Today**

By Richard '**Bingo**' Cosby  
D.C. Eagles M.C.  
Wisconsin Confederation Of Clubs

Back when all bikers had honor -  
Back when all bikers were Men -  
There was no such thing as a stoolie!  
But that was - 'Way Back When'!

That was when bikers had Honor!  
That was when bikers had Class!  
One would sacrifice his ass for a brother!  
Today? His brother - To save his own ass!

But all are not like that - Thank God!  
You'll have to admit - there's been a few!  
You know that you can trust me bro! -  
But then - I don't know about You!

Of course I say that just as a joke!  
You Know that I trust You bro!  
But if I don't tell you everything -  
Maybe its shit you don't need to know!

Now put that 'shoe on the other foot' -  
You know you can trust me! - But -  
If it's something I shouldn't know -  
Then keep your big mouth Shut!

And when the cops give you that shit -  
That if you snitch you'll get less time -  
Remember that old saying:  
"If you can't do time - don't do the crime!"

**Bingo's Profile:** I am 83 - will be 84 Sept. 9. Been riding since I was 13. Grew up in Chicago. I am a retired structural ironworker. Belong to one club D.C. Eagles M.C. for 38 years. Probably the oldest still riding biker in the U.S...

**Warlock Micah Update** – June 18, 2008 – **Florida** - Good news about Micah, the Dr. pulled the breathing machine & breathing tube & Micah is breathing on his own, they also took him of sedation & had him up & sitting in a chair, although not completely aware of his surroundings, his somewhat awake after being sedated for 8 days! He is still in ICU, but were hoping to have him in a room soon. Good Luck Brother & Get Well Soon! Big John, National President; Warlocks MC

**Warlock Micah Update** – June 18, 2008 – **Florida** - Micah Halfway was moved into a room this morning, he is doing much better & on the road to recovery! As soon as he is able to see & talk to visitors, I will post a room number. Big John, National Pres; Warlocks MC

**Warlock Micah Update** – June 24, 2008 – **Florida** - Micah's Visiting @ Hospital... Let out the Dogs! Micah/Halfway is accepting & receiving visitors with utmost anticipation. He humbly thanks all for patiently waiting & for all who have been to the hospital while he was in ICU. ORMC MD Anderson Wing Room 1030

**Brother SOS Everett** & Crystal had a baby girl this morning at 7:48 AM She is 7#-1oz, 21" long. Mom & baby are doing just fine.

**As a young minister in Kentucky**, I was asked by a funeral director to hold a grave-side service for a homeless man, who had no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a new cemetery, way back in the country, & this man would be the first to be buried there. I was not familiar with the backwoods area, & I soon became lost. Being a typical man, I did not stop to ask for directions. I finally arrived an hour late. I saw the backhoe & the open grave, but the hearse was nowhere in sight. The digging crew was eating lunch. I apologized to the workers for my tardiness, & I stepped to the side of the open grave. There I saw the vault lid already in place. I assured the workers I would not hold them up for long, as I told them that this was the proper thing to do. The workers gathered around the grave & stood silently, as I began to pour out my heart & soul. As I preached about 'looking forward to a brighter tomorrow' & 'the glory that is to come,' the workers began to say 'Amen,' 'Praise the Lord,' & 'Glory!' The fervor of these men truly inspired me. So, I preached & I preached like I had never preached before... all the way from Genesis to Revelation. I finally closed the lengthy service with a prayer, thanked the men, & walked to my car. As I was opening the door & taking off my coat, I heard one of the workers say to another, 'I ain't Never seen nothin' like that before, & I've been puttin' in septic tanks for thirty years!

**Just because** you got the monkey off your back doesn't mean the circus has left town. - - George Carlin

## The Biker

*I saw you;* hug your purse closer to you in the grocery store line.

But, you didn't see me... Put an extra \$10.00 in the collection plate last Sunday...

*I saw you;* pull your child closer when we passed each other on the sidewalk.

But, you didn't see me... Playing Santa at the local mall...

*I saw you;* change your mind about going into the restaurant.

But, you didn't see me... Attending a meeting to raise more money for the hurricane relief...

*I saw you;* roll up your window and shake your head when I rode by.

But, you didn't see me... Riding behind you when you flicked your cigarette butt out the car window...

*I saw you;* frown at me when I smiled at your children.

But, you didn't see me... When I took time off from work to run toys to the homeless...

*I saw you;* stare at my long hair.

But, you didn't see me... And my friends cut ten inches off for 'Locks of Love'...

*I saw you;* roll your eyes at our leather jackets and gloves.

But, you didn't see me... And my brothers donate our old ones to those that had none...

*I saw you;* look in fright at my tattoos.

But, you didn't see me... Cry as my children were born and have their name written over and in my heart...

*I saw you;* change lanes while rushing off to go somewhere.

But, you didn't see me... Going home to be with my family...

*I saw you;* complain about how loud and noisy our bikes can be.

But, you didn't see me... When you were changing the CD and drifted into my lane...

*I saw you;* yelling at your kids in the car.

But, you didn't see me... Pat my child's hands, knowing he was safe behind me...

*I saw you;* reading the newspaper or map as you drove down the road.

But, you didn't see me... Squeeze my wife's leg when she told me to take the next turn...

*I saw you;* race down the road in the rain.

But, you didn't see me... Get soaked to the skin so my son could have the car to go on his date...

*I saw you;* run the yellow light just to save a few minutes of time.

But, you didn't see me... Trying to turn right...

*I saw you;* cut me off because you needed to be in the lane I was in.

But, you didn't see me... Leave the road...

*I saw you,* waiting impatiently for my friends to pass.

But, you didn't see me... I wasn't there...

*I saw you;* go home to your family.

But, you didn't see me... Because I died that day you cut me off...

*I was just a biker...* A person with friends and a family...

But, you didn't see me... ~~ Live To Ride ~ Ride To Live ~~

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**Governor Vetoes Michigan Helmet Law Repeal:** For the 2<sup>nd</sup> straight year, Michigan riders successfully maneuvered a helmet law modification bill through their state legislature & onto their governor's desk, & for the second time Governor Jennifer Granholm has vetoed the measure. Motorcyclists had hoped that by adding certain amendments, such as pumping up the state's economy by charging \$100 per year for the right to ride helmetless, & by winning support from the state's top law enforcement group, they would convince Granholm to change her mind this time around. But despite overwhelming support in the Legislature & endorsement of House Bill 4749 by the Michigan Association of Police Organizations, as well as the promise of an additional \$25 million annually pouring into the state coffers from freedom-minded riders, Granholm quickly dispatched the bill again citing safety concerns & insurance costs. It would now take a two-thirds vote of both chambers of the state Legislature to override Granholm's veto, an option ABATE of Michigan & the Michigan Confederation of Clubs are looking into.

**Myrtle Beach considers Helmet Law to Deter Rally-Goers:** "Enough is enough," has become the campaign slogan by residents of Myrtle Beach, SC & members of the City Council as they considered options to put a stop to local motorcycle rallies & deter bikers from attending. One option under consideration is the

passage of a local ordinance to require motorcyclists to wear helmets within the city limits. During the public discussion period at a packed City Council meeting recently, resident Ronnie Felts said he has spoken with members of the South Carolina Legislature who urged the city to push the state for a local option on the state's helmet law, which now says no motorcyclist 21 or older is obligated to wear headgear. The city cannot now pass any law more restrictive than the state's, though according to The (Myrtle Beach) Sun News which reported on the meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Gray said there are efforts underway to allow municipalities to do just that. Even though the bike rallies fill the city at least 2 weekends each May -- during the Harley-Davidson Cruisin' the Coast rally & the Atlantic Beach Bikefest -- the audience gave Joyce Harris a standing ovation when she told the council that she & others had already been in touch with officials in Fort Lauderdale, FL who publicly declared spring break parties were not welcome any more & the city began heavily enforcing stricter ordinances to deter them from coming. No one in the audience spoke in favor of the rallies, & each of the council members agreed they want to put an end them - neither of which is sponsored by the city. "We're going to do what we can to shut the sucker down," said councilman Chestnut, who also received a standing ovation. City Manager Tom Leath, City Attorney Tom Ellenburg & Police Chief Warren Gall are planning to come up with options to present to the council, which will likely include higher taxes to pay for a permanent solution to the problem.

**Drivers make it Tough to be an Easy Rider:** A new poll reveals that car drivers wish they didn't have to share the road with

motorcycle riders. And most bikers, in turn, want car drivers to be more careful on the road. According to the online survey of licensed Connecticut drivers, conducted by Directive Analytics on behalf of Allstate Insurance, if the state's car drivers had their druthers, about one in 4 would have bikers banned from highways & parkways. And nearly half said bikers should not be allowed on roadways altogether in inclement weather. Why the animosity? Because Connecticut car drivers consider motorcycles unsafe. Eighty percent of respondents thought motorcycles are more dangerous or much more dangerous than other vehicles. One in five, in fact, said they have come close to hitting a biker. Illustrating just how anti-motorcycle they are, 75% of drivers said they would not let their child ride one. But, the gripes aren't just on the part of motorists. The survey also reveals that bikers overwhelmingly (80%) thought they were safer on the road than car drivers, stating that car drivers are careless & don't pay attention to what's going on around them. Bikers also found car drivers to be aggressive, trying to cut riders off, as well as impatient, tending to tailgate cyclists. "Whether we prefer 4 wheels or two, we all have preconceived notions, & perhaps even strong opinions, about other drivers -- but these opinions should never get the better of us while we are in our vehicles," said Andrea Short, Allstate Field Product Manager. "Particularly now as the warmer weather approaches & heavy traffic re-emerges, all drivers should be careful & cognizant of fellow drivers at all times so we may share the roadways safely."

**Sharing the Road:** Motorcycle groups & clubs from across Southeast Texas gathered at Cowboy H-D in Beaumont to kickoff a motorcycle safety awareness campaign to focus public attention on the need for increased caution on the part of motorists & bikers alike. David Die, a member of the Red Knights MC, along with members of ABATE & the Confederation Of Clubs banned together to secure a grant from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation to work with local media in supporting a nation-wide initiative in promoting motorcycle safety. "For years, during the month of May we have joined local, county, state & Fed Gov't in proclaiming May 'Motorcycle Awareness' month. However, we just felt like we needed to take it a step further," said Die. The MSF grant will allow this group to sponsor a public awareness campaign, attend special events & provide educational information on motorcycle safety & awareness, reported The Examiner newspaper. "My friends' deaths have made me intent on getting vehicular drivers to be more attentive where motorcycles are concerned," said Die. "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." The public awareness campaign's message is two-fold: it advocates responsible motorcycle riding & reminds vehicle drivers "to look out for motorcyclists," said Robin Troy of Neil-Troy Advertising. The campaign, which begins June 16 & runs through the end of the summer, includes outdoor billboards & television spots.

**Loud Pipes Save (Officers') Lives:** Over in Oakland they like it loud - so loud that all 45 of the Police Dept's HD motorcycles have been equipped with shiny new tailpipes, at a cost of \$500 apiece, to rev up their roar. It seems the cops just didn't feel safe on toned-down bikes. "There's an old motorcycle adage that you are heard before you are seen," Deputy Chief Dave Kozicki told the San Francisco Chronicle, explaining the dept's decision to toss the bikes' muted factory-issued mufflers in favor of the more high-volume pipes. Oakland's cops had a long tradition of riding their H-Ds with the modified, louder tail pipes, earning them the nickname "Rolling Thunder." But after an officer complained about a loss of hearing & others around town questioned whether the police force was violating the very noise standards it was

supposed to enforce, the Dept brass ordered a switch to the quieter stock mufflers. According to Kozicki, the decibel drop sparked a chorus of complaints from other officers, who said they felt less safe. Kozicki cited an accident 3 months ago in which an Oakland officer riding a toned-down cycle was struck by a motorist who said he hadn't heard the officer approaching. So last year the department launched a \$1,200 study in conjunction with the city's risk management division to determine whether A) the louder motorcycles contributed to officers' safety, B) were detrimental to their hearing, & C) complied with noise standards. Kozicki acknowledged that whatever safety-related findings the study produced were largely anecdotal. Still, after everything was taken into consideration, the department concluded "it was in the best interest of the officers to put more-audible pipes back on," Kozicki said.

**Weird News:** Wee, Wee, Wee, all the way to Court: Did you know that Tacoma, Washington has a law that could ban H-D motorcycles? According to the News Tribune, an interesting court case has developed involving the owner of a hog, city prosecutors are arguing that the owner is violating a law banning hogs in the city limit. Taking his case to superior court, it appears that H-D motorcycles could be banned within the city limits. While this court case is really about the definition of a "hog" the definition in the book city prosecutors are using define a hog as: Black's Veterinary Dictionary, which defines a hog as a "male pig after being castrated." Collins Essential English Dictionary's first definition of hog is a "castrated male pig." Encarta defines hog as "a full-grown domestic pig, especially a castrated male pig." But www.dictionary.com defines hog as slang "a large, heavy motorcycle." Luckily the court case is really about animals & the defense lawyer was just using the hog definition of a motorcycle as an example of how the city was using the wrong terminology. But it does go to show that the wrong interpretation of an old law on the books could really impact motorcycles owners, at least in Tacoma. Hopefully they get the law straightened out & decide on what really is a hog & what ain't, so bikers can ride into town without "breaking" Tacoma's anti-hog laws.

**Quotable Quote:** "I am well aware of the toil & blood & treasure that it will cost to maintain this Declaration of Independence, & support & defend these States. Yet through all the gloom I can see the rays of ravishing light & glory. I can see that the end is worth all the means, & that posterity will triumph in that day's transaction." - John Adams (1735-1826), Patriot & 2nd President of the United States, in a letter to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776

### **Motorcycle Groups Threaten Legal Action Over N.Y.**

**Roadblocks:** The National Coalition Of Motorcyclists announced that its New York attorney has sent a letter of intent to file a class-action lawsuit against New York State Police & the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles in response to a series of discriminatory roadblocks targeting motorcycles en route to motorcycle-related events. After a roadblock was established on New York's I-84 in October 2007, which singled out motorcyclists on their way to a Marcus Dairy Cycle Sunday in nearby Danbury, Conn., motorcyclists' rights advocates learned that Fed Grant money was to be used to fund police overtime to conduct these so-called "safety checks" at motorcycle events statewide. Despite talks between DMV & representatives of NCOM, the American Motorcyclist Association, ABATE of New York & other motorcycle rights organizations during the winter, roadblocks were also set up on I-88 & the NYS Thruway targeting motorcyclists traveling to the American Motorcycle Jamboree, or AM-JAM, a 24-year old event held at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds, & again on I-87 stopping riders traveling to Americade in Lake George, America's largest touring motorcycle rally. According to

Robert "Prospector" Boellmer, the New England & New York representative of NCOM, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists Attorney Mitchell Proner of New York, NY has given notice to the NY State Police & DMV that a class action suit will be filed in protest of the road checks being conducted on state highways during events that draw thousands of motorcyclists. Warren County Tourism Director Kate Johnson said Americade's 2007 economic impact in the region was estimated to have been \$46 million. "The rally brought about 50,000 motorcyclists to the area last year," she told the newspaper, adding that attendance was down this year. Boellmer told the Daily Gazette that the stops constitute harassment of cyclists & his group will fight them in court to halt the discriminatory roadblocks. He said the national coalition represents more than a thousand motorcycle organizations across the country. "ABATE of New York, Inc. expresses its opposition to New York State's burgeoning tactic of conducting highway roadblocks which divert only motorcyclists from the state's roadway for the purpose of conducting 'safety checks', & hereby expresses its support of a class-action initiative by the National Coalition of Motorcyclist against the NYS Police & the NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles," said Timothy D. Werder, State President of ABATE of New York in an official press release issued by his organization. With the support of ABATE of New York, the AMA & various other biker rights organizations, NCOM officials plan to pursue legal actions against state agencies involved in what they consider unconstitutional infringements.

**Christian Motorcycle Ministries, Associations, Riding Clubs, & M.C.'s** have been in existence since the 1970's. There are currently over a hundred different Christian groups. Names like: Bikers for Christ, Black Sheep HDFC, Christian Crusaders, Christ's Disciples, CMA, Soldiers for Jesus, Sons of God, Tribe of Judah, & others - have been around for many years & have paid their dues to earn the respect of the motorcycle public. New groups pop up frequently as churches realize that they have members that have a common interest - Jesus Christ & motorcycles - & they decide to start a club or ministry. The problems come when well meaning Christians are not very educated in motorcycle club protocol... as some MC's are not happy about seeing so many "new mom & pop - church clubs with new patches on the road. Many new Christian motorcycle groups end up changing their designs, colors, etc. - as they learn (the hard way) what offends the MC's. Most Christian groups have different types of rules, codes of behavior, & focuses. Some have patches that can be bought. Most ministries will not give membership without a thorough screening of applicants. Christian MC's have a prospect period. There are varying rules & regulations. Some forbid public social drinking of alcohol - others allow it. You need to read their charters or hang out with them to know the differences. The Riding Clubs vary greatly (some with one piece patches, some with just t-shirts). They are designed primarily for fellowship & to hone their riding skills together with others. Fellowship Riders actually sells a package course to churches on "how to develop a successful church motorcycle riding club". [www.fellowshipriders.com](http://www.fellowshipriders.com). I will give you a brief description of a few groups to understand the differences. Please take into consideration - that the ones listed below are groups that I personally know & interact with frequently. All of the groups below have specific rules of Christian conduct, & may deal with violations of such differently. Some are lenient - others are more strict. Again - experience is usually the best teacher. While many think all Christian motorcycle groups are the same Motorcycle Ministries vary greatly. The one thing that they all have in common is a strong

Christian faith & their love for motorcycling. The CMA (Christian Motorcyclists Association) has been around since the 1970's. CMA is the largest Christian group with a logged membership of over 100,000 members... these numbers include tens of thousands of active members. Their members wear a patch with praying hands & a bible. They combine fellowship, evangelism & different types of ministries: Prayer Teams, Jail Ministry teams, Children's Ministry Teams, etc. CMA is thought of by many - as a ministry that does a lot of good works... as they reach out internationally - with their "Run for the Son" rally. This event raises literally millions of dollars, which they use to purchase small motorcycles for missionaries in remote areas, thousands of Christian films, bibles, & use the rest to help with domestic evangelism. Any Christian man or woman can join CMA & be a member. Those who wish to wear the CMA back patch - must go through an extensive correspondence ministry course, & serve in one of the ministry teams. You can find out more about them by checking out their website: [www.cmausa.org](http://www.cmausa.org). Bikers for Christ is also one of the larger international motorcycle ministries with thousands of active members. BFC began in 1990. Membership is not easy to attain - as applicants are thoroughly screened. They also must have church & pastor references (which are checked out). BFC members wear a 2 piece patch, that includes a bible, a sword, & upswept wings. BFC's primary focus is evangelism (while they of course enjoy riding & fellowship). The members seek to use their motorcycles as tools to open doors with others. They rumble around the country sharing the gospel with "all" types of people - street people, normal folks, motorcycle riders & hard-core bikers (and their families). BFC members also minister in jails & juvenile halls, & many chapters hold regional benefit rallies to bless disabled young people & downed bikers. BFC members are very active in the COC & NCOM. [www.bikersforchrist.org](http://www.bikersforchrist.org). Black Sheep HDFC (Harley Davidsons for Christ) is one of the younger organizations (since 2002 ?) - but they are going quickly across the U.S. (because of their targeted audience - H.O.G.) & also will have an international scope. Black Sheep is all about fellowship, riding, & sharing their faith as well. They fly a one piece patch with a knight in armor, & a banner that proclaims "Jesus is Lord". Their specific focus is on evangelism & ministering to H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group) members & their families. [www.blacksheephdfc.org](http://www.blacksheephdfc.org). One of the most well respected Christian MCs is: Soldiers for Jesus. They've been around since the 1980's & are also an international group. They run a yellow & black, 3 piece patch that has a bible, star of David, with 2 crossed Calvary swords. They also wear an M.C. patch. Soldiers for Jesus operates like a true M.C. - with mandatory meetings & runs. SFJ membership includes a hang-around period, prospect period, then after they earn the right - the brothers become full members. Soldiers for Jesus reach out to many different types of people - but zero in on the MC's - & do a great job of reaching many with the Gospel message. SFJ also has thousands of members internationally. SFJ is also very involved in the COC & NCOM. [www.soldiersforjesusmc.com](http://www.soldiersforjesusmc.com). It is the earnest prayer of valid Christian motorcycle groups to reach out with the love of the Lord Jesus Christ to some who are lost, hurting, & dying on the highways & byways of planet earth. Many Christians volunteer to help at various motorcycle events & seek to serve the motorcycle community. There are also many licensed, or ordained Christian motorcycle ministers in different groups who will perform weddings, funerals, & counseling for motorcyclists in need of such things... With Love & Respect, Pastor Z. BFC Intl HQ (John 3:16-17)

**Delta Airlines pioneers biometric airport security screening** – June 16, 2008 – *New York* – By Jason Perlow - In time for the busy summer travel season, Clear®, the fast pass for airport security, today announced a broad partnership with Delta Air Lines that includes the operation of fast lanes in Delta terminals at New York's JFK & LaGuardia airports, & Los Angeles International, starting this summer. Beginning today, new enrollment centers will open in select Delta Crown Room Clubs in Atlanta that provide a convenient way for customers to join Clear's Fast Pass program. The Clear-Delta Air Lines partnership will include a significant presence for Clear in Delta's terminals, online at delta.com & through a direct marketing campaign to its SkyMiles® members. All Delta SkyMiles members will be offered bonus miles when they join Clear. "Delta is committed to making the entire travel experience convenient & memorable – from purchasing a ticket at delta.com to sampling a signature cocktail on board," said Lee Macenczak, Delta's executive vice president of Sales & Marketing. "Enabling our customers to move through security faster, especially during the busy summer travel season, will be a welcome addition to the overall Delta experience & we are pleased to offer customers the choice of using Clear fast pass lanes in some of our largest hubs & focus cities." Clear members are pre-screened by the Transportation Security Administration & after application approval, which involves providing iris & fingerprint images, receive a card that allows access to Clear's designated security lanes nationwide. Clear lanes, which feature concierges whose assistance speeds throughput while making the experience far more pleasant, are already operating in airports in Cincinnati, Denver, Indianapolis, Orlando, San Francisco, & Washington DC's Reagan National & Dulles airports, among others. The annual fee is \$100 plus a \$28 TSA fee. "Clear has recently passed the one-million milestone for members processed through our fast pass lanes throughout the country," Steven Brill, CEO of Clear, said. "Partnering with Delta is a testament to its commitment not only to providing a predictable & hassle-free airport experience to its customers, but to embracing an innovative approach to a more efficient security process. We are thrilled to work with such a respected airline that shares our belief that air travel, whether for business or pleasure, can be convenient & pleasant. With this partnership," Brill added, "Delta is sending another clear message that it intends to maintain its position as a leader in customer service." Clear customers experience a level of predictability, convenience, & efficiency in air travel. For example, the concierges in Clear's security lanes ready x-ray bins for each passenger & then help them retrieve their personal items at the other side of the magnetometer. "The concierge service alone has made Clear lanes 30 percent faster than regular security lanes," Brill explained. "And we plan to improve that even more with the investments we are making in enhanced technology which, once approved by TSA, could allow our members not to have to remove shoes, outer garments or laptops." Applicants start the membership enrollment process at www.flyclear.com/delta & complete it in person at a Clear enrollment center, where they have their fingerprints & iris images captured. Clear enrollment centers are located in airports with Clear programs & also at convenient city locations, including New York's Grand Central Terminal. To locate a Clear enrollment station nationwide, customers can visit flyclear.com.

**"We in Denmark** cannot figure out why you are even bothering to hold an election in the US. On one side, you have a bitch who is a lawyer, married to a lawyer, running against a lawyer who is married to a bitch who is a lawyer. On the other side, you have a war hero married to a good looking woman with large breasts who owns a beer distributorship. Is there a really contest here?"

**Former gang leader comes to event to pedal his new Book** – June 17, 2008 - *New Hampshire* - By Geoff Cunningham Jr. - A former top motorcycle gang leader who wrote a book about his group's dealings with the Hells Angels will be traveling to the Lakes Region during Bike Week. Edward Winterhalder or "Connecticut Ed" as he was known when he helped head the "Bandidos MC", will be appearing in Laconia at the Sundial Shop for signings of his newest book, "The Assimilation: Rock Machine Becomes Bandidos - Bikers United Against the Hells Angels." Winterhalder, 52, was once a top leader of the worldwide "Bandidos" gang & has since taken up a life dedicated to chronicling the history of biker gangs & promoting the positive aspects of motorcycle clubs. The longtime biker is promoting "The Assimilation" - a book that takes readers through a turbulent time in biker gang history in the 1990s when the Montreal branch of the Hells Angels declared war on all competing biker gangs in an attempt to secure drug territory in the Canadian province of Quebec. It was a time of great violence & after 7 years of bloodshed that left upward of 160 people dead & many more injured, it was only the "tough as nails" Rock Machine that avoided being destroyed by a particularly rough group of Hells Angels. Winterhalder, 52, has an inside knowledge of the situation, having been a recruiting leader for a "Bandidos" clan that merged with the Rock Machine in an effort to ward off being taken down by the Hells Angels in Montreal led by then-leader Maurice "Mom" Boucher. In the early 1990s, after 7 years of bloody conflict with Montreal's Hells Angels, Quebec's Rock Machine motorcycle club appealed to the Bandidos for help. Winterhalder, a born diplomat with an extensive knowledge of law acquired while incarcerated in the early 1980s, was dispatched to Canada in 2001 to coordinate the transition (or "patchover"). The Assimilation takes readers behind the scenes of Winterhalder's arrest & unsuccessful deportation proceedings by the Canadian authorities, Bandido politics, double-crosses & assassinations. The book also contains a glossary of biker terms & 7 appendices citing club bylaws, projects & job assignments & a worldwide listing of active chapters & support clubs. The author has since left the biker gang culture & has raised a young daughter. He is the subject matter of upcoming television shows on the biker lifestyle "Sons of Anarchy" on the cable network FX & is creating a more positive documentary on the biker clubs focusing on a Vietnam Veteran riding group in Pennsylvania. His next book "Biker Chicks: The Magnetic Attraction of Women to Bad Boys" is due out in May of 2009, but he is making his way to New Hampshire to take in Bike Week.

**Biker accused of forcing detectives off the road** – June 18, 2008 - *Oregon* - By Elissa Harrington - One of the presidents of a motorcycle gang often called the nation's most dangerous was in Lane County Court Tuesday for allegedly trying to run police detectives off the road. 26-year old Justin DeLoretto is the defendant. Police arrested him & 2 others back in April for allegedly trying to run 2 undercover investigators off Interstate 5. Friends & family showed up for the hearing Tuesday. His identical twin brother Jeremy took the stand to defend his brother. Detectives had originally told us they believe the men knew they were cops & forced them off the road to make a statement & to try & build their reputation. Jeremy DeLoretto defended his brother by saying they had no idea who was in the car & the only reason they were following it in the first place is because they'd spotted the vehicle on their property & wanted to know who was inside. Now, DeLoretto's lawyer is saying his client acted legally in protection of his property.

**Bikies pour in for funeral** - June 18, 2008 – *Australia* - The Advertiser - Adelaide will see the largest gathering of outlaw motorcycle gang members for many years at a funeral today. Hundreds of Gypsy Jokers from around Australia have converged for the funeral of Wayne “Chiller” McGrath who was the president South Australian chapter; he died last week while exercising. Groups of men riding H-D motorcycles were seen riding down the South-Eastern Freeway & into Adelaide on Sun, Mon & yesterday. Local & interstate Gypsy Jokers are expected at the funeral service being held at the Harrison Funeral Chapel. This will be followed by a funeral cortege to the Smithfield Memorial cemetery at Evanston South for the burial. The Advertiser understands the procession will be closely monitored by the Crimes Gangs Taskforce & Star Division police. Police spokesman Senior Constable Paul Noble said “police will be monitoring the safe & efficient movement of traffic.” Death notices for McGrath 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 & dozens of interstate Gypsy Jokers members are expected to attend the funeral. The funeral comes with a backdrop of tensions between some of Adelaide’s bkie gangs & the State Govt’s new anti-bikie laws which make it an offence for outlaw motorcycle club members or people with criminal records to meet more than 6 times a year. The tougher anti-bikie laws passed both houses of Parliament last month but are yet to be assented to by Governor Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce. However, police expected to have the tougher anti-bikie powers by early next month.

**Gypsy Jokers gather for funeral** – June 19, 2008 - *Australia* - By Colin James - Gypsy Jokers from across Australia have gathered in Adelaide for a funeral which would be illegal under new anti-bikie laws introduced by the State Gov’t. The bikies were farewelling club president Wayne “Chiller” McGrath, 42, a father of 4 & part-owner of 4 tattoo parlours, who suffered a fatal heart attack last week while exercising on a treadmill at his Virginia home. His sudden death prompted public tributes from Gypsy Jokers members nationally & overseas, including the US, Germany, South Africa & Norway. More than 300 people - including more than 100 Gypsy Jokers from Adelaide, NSW, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, Germany, Norway & the US - this afternoon attended his funeral at Sydney Harrison Funerals, Ridgehaven, before travelling to the Smithfield Memorial Cemetery, Evanston, where his body was buried. Gypsy Jokers bikers ride in a convoy for the funeral of Wayne McGrath’s at Smithfield Memorial Park Cemetery. The mourners - who included wives, girlfriends & children - then went to the Gypsy Jokers clubrooms at Wingfield for a wake expected to last most of the week. Legal sources said under the new anti-bikie laws due to take effect late next month, the funeral & wake would have been declared prohibited events as bikies will be prohibited from associating with each other once their gangs have been declared illegal organisations by Attorney-General Michael Atkinson. The laws - the first of their kind in Australia apart from the Fed anti-terror legislation - have been attacked by lawyers & civil libertarians as “draconian” & an erosion of individual rights, particularly freedom of association. Gypsy Jokers Adelaide chapter sergeant-at-arms “Davo” today said it was wrong that bikies would no longer be able to gather together at such events as funerals, weddings & birthday parties with their families & friends. “They’re f.....d,” he said. “How can something like a funeral be illegal? We’re here to bury our brother & pay our respects to him & his family.” Davo, who would not provide his full name, said McGrath was a “staunch member, a dedicated family man”. “He leaves a big hole & he will be

missed,” he said. The laws contain provisions that members of outlaw motorcycle clubs can only associate with direct family members such as their parents, brothers & sisters, grandparents & children. They are not permitted to gather together or have contact with their uncles, aunts or cousins - or neighbors & other friends or acquaintances. Anyone who breaches the laws - whether they are bikies or individuals having contact with bikies at least 6 times a year - can be jailed for up to 5 years. Control orders restraining the movements of individual bikies can also be issued by magistrates & judges on the application of SA Police. Criminal intelligence or any other info used by police to obtain the control orders must remain secret & anyone issued with an order cannot seek to have it independently reviewed by a judge.

**Jury weighs fate of MC leader** - June 19, 2008 – *Oregon* - By Bill Bishop; The Register-Guard - A jury began deliberating late Wed afternoon in the trial of 26-year-old Justin DeLoretto, the Pres of the Oregon chapter of the Mongols MC who faces 13 charges for allegedly conspiring to attempt to run 2 investigators off Interstate 5 in April. In closing arguments, defense lawyer Kelly Beckley told jurors that the 2 investigators — ATF Special Agent James Packard & Eugene police Detective Dave Burroughs — tempted DeLoretto into a game of “cat & mouse.” The April 23 incident began after Packard & Burroughs, while searching for DeLoretto’s residence, drove their unmarked vehicle into a one-lane driveway near Turner. As they drove in, DeLoretto was driving out. The officers backed out of the driveway & drove off, according to testimony. Beckley said the encounter made DeLoretto suspect that a rival motorcycle club had been on his property in violation of signs stating no trespassing & private property. DeLoretto’s suspicions were fueled after he followed the pair into Salem & saw them park at a former clubhouse of the Gypsy Jokers MC, who are purported to be the chief rivals of the Mongols, Beckley said. DeLoretto followed the pair south into Eugene, where 2 associates of DeLoretto — Nathan Andrew Cassidy, 22, of Creswell, & Matthew Aaron Weiss, 24, of Eugene — joined in separate vehicles. The men then allegedly used their 3 vehicles to box in the officers’ sport utility vehicle in an attempt to force it off the road. Packard testified the men’s maneuvers broke up after he took evasive action, turned on the vehicle’s emergency siren & lights, & summoned police patrol units. Beckley said DeLoretto & other Mongols who were involved in the incident simply wanted to learn the identity of the intruders, not to run them off the interstate. He said all the windows of the officers’ unmarked SUV, except the windshield, were heavily tinted. Replaying portions of the officers’ recorded calls for backup & of their conversations with DeLoretto after he was arrested immediately following the incident, Beckley asked jurors to decide whether the officers appeared to be frightened or intimidated. However, Deputy Lane County District Attorney Stephen Morgan told the 12-member jury that Beckley’s arguments were an attempt to excuse DeLoretto’s crimes. “This is a case about a defendant who is so wrapped up in his world of motorcycles & rivalries ... he put everybody at risk around him,” Morgan said. “It’s not a (legal) defense. You don’t get to run people off the road just because you believe that your enemy is in the car.” Morgan said DeLoretto orchestrated the incident to create a unified & fearless image to impress other motorcycle clubs. DeLoretto faces 2 counts each of conspiring to coerce, coercion, conspiring for 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.

**Police Minister quizzed over bikie helmet enforcement** – June 19, 2008 - *Australia* - The South Australian Opposition has asked the Police Minister how many members of the Gypsy Jokers MC were fined for not wearing helmets during a funeral procession. Club members travelled from a funeral parlour at Ridgehaven to a cemetery in Smithfield with many not wearing a helmet. Normally these actions would attract a \$162 fine. The Opposition says not fining club members makes a joke of the Govt's effort to crack down on bikie gangs. Police Minister Paul Holloway says police will be acting. Holloway went on to say that police "filmed the movement of the cortege & have viewed the film to identify those who failed to wear helmets to enable traffic infringement notices to be issued". "The only other strategy available Mr. President would have been to halt the funeral process," Holloway said.

**Gang member escapes blaze** – June 19, 2008 - *New Zealand* - A sleeping gang member, unaware of the blaze surrounding him, was hauled through a window to safety by firefighters at a fiercely burning Invercargill house this morning. Firefighters raced to the two-storey Balmoral Drive house, headquarters for the Invercargill Road Knights motorcycle gang, after emergency services were alerted to the blaze just before 7am. Initial reports from Fire Service sources that the gang member had been injured proved incorrect. Fire Service southern region assistant commander Brendan Nally said the man was asleep when firefighters found him in the building & hauled him out through a window. "He was unaware of what was going on," Nally told NZPA. "Once he realized what was happening they got him out of there easy enough. There was no problem." All 5 Invercargill-based fire crews & appliances were involved in battling the huge blaze, with Bluff firefighters called into the city for cover & off-duty crews put on standby. Nally said fire in the well-fortified gang headquarters took about 90 minutes to bring under control. No one was hurt battling the blaze. Police & fire safety officers were investigating.

**No comment from police after mob arrests** – June 19, 2008 - *New Zealand* - Invercargill police are refusing to say whether there is a link between the arrest of 4 Mongrel Mob members & a fire at the headquarters of rival gang, the Road Knights. Senior Sgt Olaf Jensen said the arrests had been made as the result of an "ongoing investigation". Police carried out a search warrant at the Mongrel Mob's Severn St headquarters in Invercargill at 4pm today & found "items of interest" which had led to the arrests of 4 gang members. The 4 men will appear in the Invercargill District Court tomorrow. "No resistance was offered by the occupants." Earlier today, firefighters raced to a Balmoral Dr house, headquarters for the Invercargill Road Knights motorcycle gang, after emergency services were alerted to the blaze just before 7am. Fire Service southern region assistant commander Brendan Nally said a gang member was asleep when firefighters found him in the building & hauled him out through a window. Nally said it was too early to say if the fire was suspicious. Jensen said both gang headquarters would remain under police guard tonight & scene investigations would continue tomorrow.

**Gang membership** – June 19, 2008 – *New Zealand* - Police estimate there are between 3000 & 3500 patched gang members & associates in New Zealand, Parliament was told today. Police Minister Annette King said the figures were being reviewed & accuracy was difficult because people were dishonest with the police about gang membership. "And not all gangs wear patches, or if they do they don't wear them all the time," she said when answering questions from New Zealand First MPs. Ron Mark

asked if it was an appropriate response to have fewer than 200 officers dedicated to dealing with "a group of criminals the size of the population of Napier who are responsible for almost all of the \$1.5 billion methamphetamine trade". Ms King said police dealing with gangs were supported by many others who had expert or specialized skills. "Police work as a team, not in isolation."

**AB's leaders pleased with yearly Bikefest** – June 19, 2008 – *South Carolina* - By Robert Morris - Despite Myrtle Beach's intention to spend \$1 million to drive away 2 large bike rallies during the month of May, Atlantic Beach leaders say bikers are still welcome in their town during the Memorial Day weekend festival they sponsor - for the foreseeable future. "We're our own municipality, & I don't see us stopping it," said Mayor Pro Tem Charlene Taylor. "They can stop what they want to stop. The Grand Strand is open to the public." The accusations of open air drug use & sexual activity on Ocean Boulevard do not reflect the activities inside Atlantic Beach, Town Council members said. The festival inside Atlantic Beach is predominantly a family affair, Taylor said, with people of all ages coming to walk the streets of the town, admire each other's motorcycles, eat at vendors' booths & spend money on souvenirs. "What I saw up & down the streets was people just riding their bikes," said Taylor, who noted the arrest of Myrtle Beach teenagers in the fatal shooting of a local university student & suggested that Myrtle Beach try a curfew during the rallies. There is the occasional flash of misbehavior inside Atlantic Beach, said Town Councilman Donnell Thompson, agreeing that some activities could be toned down. For the most part, however, Thompson said Atlantic Beach residents look forward to the festival in their town. "My constituents are telling me Bikefest must go on," Thompson said. "We're certainly not saying Myrtle Beach is doing wrong for Myrtle Beach. But for Atlantic Beach, we intend to continue to host our Bikefest." Those bikers of all colors shunned by Myrtle Beach, Thompson said, will be welcome in Atlantic Beach next year - just as black beachgoers once found the little town nicknamed the Black Pearl their only welcoming spot on the Grand Strand. "It should be about bikers; it shouldn't be about color," Thompson said. "It's unfortunate that the Myrtle Beach council has taken this position, but that's the position people took back in the early '50s. Times change, but sometimes people don't." John Sketers, a former Atlantic Beach town councilman who helped encourage the Carolina Knight Riders & other motorcycle clubs to come to Atlantic Beach in 1980, agreed that the rallies could stand to be changed. Myrtle Beach's unilateral decision, however, did not strike him as the best approach. "I don't see how on God's earth you can tell people where to go, how long to go, or how long they can stay there," Sketers said. "We're all American people. We should be able to compromise a little bit." The 2008 rally generated about \$33,000 in vendor fees for the town, after subtracting expenses for law enforcement & cleanup, said Interim Town Manager Charles Williams. His personal reaction, however, is that such a festival is a "detriment to development." "I'm not sure Bikefest is consistent with developing the town," Williams said. "In the long range, I think development is a better revenue source than Bikefest." To some degree, Thompson agreed. One day, he said, Atlantic Beach may decide it, too, wants something other than an influx of bikers. "Maybe one day we'll be saying the same thing Myrtle Beach is saying," Thompson said. "Until we get a tax base that's going to give this town revenue. ... Right now we've got to continue on." Neither Councilman Jake Evans nor Retha Pierce could be reached for comment Wednesday, but Pierce has volunteered to lead next year's Bikefest committee.

**Hells' house stormed** – June 19, 2008 - *Canada* - City police raided the home of a Manitoba Hells Angels member when they shut down a counterfeit money ring allegedly operated by 6 teens who printed & used fake U.S. currency. A source said the tactical support team seized computers & printers during the raid at the Winnipeg home. The biker, who can't be named, was not charged in connection with the operation. The suspects, 5 males & one girl, are 16 to 18 years old, said police spokesman Const. Robert Carver. Carver wasn't aware of the quality of the bills but assumed it wasn't "outstanding." "To produce a counterfeit note is very difficult," he said. "It's no different than a form of stealing." Police allege 3 suspects made the fake \$50 US bills & all 6 used them at least once on separate occasions to buy electronics & clothes between March 24 & May 12. Police caught wind of the scam & in May issued a public warning to businesses to closely examine any U.S. currency they receive. The commercial crime unit made its first arrest June 4 when detectives took a 16-year-old boy into custody. He was cautioned under the Youth Criminal Justice Act & released without charges. Five days later, police arrested a 17-year-old boy. On June 12, police rounded up 4 other suspects -- a 17-year-old girl, two 18-year-old men & a 17-year-old boy.

**Cluney gets life sentence for prison murder** – June 19, 2008 - *Canada* - Prince Albert -- Contract killer Aime Simard had a mother who loved him & still grieves his murder in a penitentiary cell 5 years ago, court heard Wed before one of his killers, Christopher Cluney, was sentenced to life in prison with no eligibility of parole for 11 years. Simard, 35, was serving a life sentence for killing 3 people while affiliated with the Rockers, a "puppet club" that acted at the behest of the Hells Angels criminal biker organ, according an expert witness who testified at Cluney's 2<sup>nd</sup>-degree murder trial in May. Simard had co-operated with authorities & provided evidence against others involved in the crimes. He was expected to testify at another trial in Nova Scotia at the time of his death. "I still haven't finished grieving for my son. . . . I know my son did some illegal things but he was in the process of paying for his mistakes," his mother, Elisa Misitano, wrote in a victim impact statement read into the court record.

**Jury convicts on lesser charges** – June 20, 2008 – *Oregon* - By Elissa Harrington - A jury found the Pres of a MC guilty of 5 misdemeanors but acquitted him on 8 felony charges. A jury heard the case against Justin DeLoretto this week. DeLoretto & 2 other members of the Mongols MC were accused of forcing 2 police officers off the road. James Packard, a special agent with the ATF, & Detective Dave Burroughs of the Eugene P.D. were returning to Eugene from investigative work in the northern Willamette Valley around 6 p.m. when their car was surrounded by vehicles driven by members or associates of the Mongols MC, according to Eugene police. "I think the jury saw the case for what it was," said defense attorney Kelly Beckley. "I don't think the jury found agent Packard or Detective Burroughs credible when they said they felt great fear out on I-5." The jury took more than 5 hours today to find the 26-year-old defendant not guilty on all felony charges. The jury found him guilty of 5 misdemeanors. The jury found DeLoretto guilty on 2 counts of menacing, 2 counts of recklessly endangering another person, & one count of reckless driving. The jury found him not guilty on 2 counts of conspiring to commit coercion, coercion, conspiring in the unlawful use of a weapon, & the unlawful use of a weapon. "It's difficult for us to understand how the jury found that Mr. DeLoretto was guilty of menacing but did not use the vehicle in the process," said Alex Gardner, the chief deputy district attorney, "because the vehicle was the weapon that was involved." Friends

& family of the defendant -- & just as many if not more law enforcement officials requested by the judge -- were in the hall outside the courtroom. DeLoretto has been in custody since April 23, accused of running an undercover police car off the road in what the prosecution called a cat & mouse chase down Interstate 5. The defense said he only followed the vehicle for his own safety after seeing it in his driveway, & he chased it to find out who was inside. Beckley wants his client out of custody. And while Gardner said he doesn't want to speculate on what the prosecution wants, the maximum penalty for each misdemeanor could be up to one year.

**Shadbolt calls gang meeting** – June 20, 2008 – *New Zealand* - By Hamish McNeilly - Invercargill Mayor Tim Shadbolt will call a special meeting with police to discuss the gang situation in the city after a suspicious blaze gutted one gang headquarters yesterday & police stormed a second, arresting 4 people.

**MPs apologies to bikers** – June 20, 2008 – *United Kingdom* - MPs have apologized to bikers for suggesting half of them have no road tax. Earlier this year, the Commons Public Accounts Committee claimed there was widespread road tax dodging - based on Department of Transport figures suggesting 38pc of motorcyclists haven't paid up. It called for tough action to clamp & crush untaxed bikes. But now civil servants have admitted they got it wrong & that the real figure is more like 10pc. Committee chairman, Tory MP Edward Leigh, said: "I apologies to law-abiding motorcyclists offended by our original report, & I look to the department to make a similar apology. "We expect departments to be accurate, & when they are not sure their figures are reliable, they should say so." The British Motorcyclists Federation says machines are often garaged over winter & many owners pay annual road tax for 3 or 4 months' use. It admits some bikers could be tempted to register their machine as off the road if it is only used a few times a year.

**Motorcycle Ride Ends in Tragedy for Brothers** – June 20, 2008 - *Maryland* - The Heureaux brothers were riding motorcycles, heading north on Interstate 95 near Laurel, when at speeds of nearly 100 mph they raced by a state police trooper armed with a radar gun. The trooper pulled his car out & turned on his lights, a state police spokesman said yesterday, describing the events of Sunday. About 16 miles later, Suky Amin Heureaux, 25, & Suky Shamin Heureaux, 24, died in nearly simultaneous crashes on an exit ramp in Baltimore. Today, in Prince George's County, a wake will be held for the brothers, one of whom was riding a stolen bike, police said. The service will be attended by family & friends from the Washington area's Dominican community, some of whom wonder whether the trooper chased the brothers, a contention police deny. "They tell me they were racing, that's all they tell me," Maximo Heureaux, 45, who shared his home in Landover with his sons, said of his limited contact with investigators. "I don't believe the police; nobody here believes the police. We all need to know what really happened." Sgt. Arthur Betts, a police spokesman, denied that there was a chase & said the trooper, James Davis, appears to have followed state police policies. "This all could have been prevented if they had stopped," Betts said of the brothers. "The trooper didn't do anything to make them crash their motorcycles." Police declined to release the agency's pursuit policy yesterday, saying the agency must receive a mailed written request before doing so. Betts, however, said that unlike in many area jurisdictions that only allow police to pursue felony suspects, Maryland state troopers are allowed to chase traffic violators.

### **Supreme Court of the United States:**

**Rothgery v. Gillespie County, No. 07-440** - A criminal defendant's initial appearance before a judicial officer, where he learns the charge against him & his liberty is subject to restriction, marks the start of adversary judicial proceedings that trigger attachment of the Sixth Amendment right to counsel. The Court rules that attachment of the right does not also require that a prosecutor (as distinct from a police officer) be aware of such initial proceeding or be involved in its conduct.

**Greenlaw v. US, No. 07-330** - In a criminal case in which, over the government's objection, a district court made an error when calculating defendant's sentence, a circuit court's decision imposing a longer sentence on defendant after he appealed is reversed where, absent a Gov't appeal or cross-appeal, the sentence defendant received should not have been increased.

**Mongols' leader guilty of misdemeanors in I-5 saga** – June 21, 2008 – **Oregon** - By Bryan Denson - Motorcycle gang - Prosecutors want Justin DeLoretto barred from contact with members The leader of Oregon's Mongols MC intends to fight a prosecutor's plan to stop him from associating with his own members. A Lane County jury on Thur found Justin "Mooch" DeLoretto guilty of reckless driving & other misdemeanor charges in an April 23 incident in which he was accused of trying to run 2 biker-gang investigators off Interstate 5 during rush hour. The jury acquitted DeLoretto of 8 felony charges, including conspiracy to commit second-degree kidnapping. At his sentencing, set for Monday, prosecutors will seek jail time for DeLoretto & then a term of probation, which would include a "no-association" order barring him from contact with the Mongols. DeLoretto, who turns 27 on Sunday & has "Mongols" tattooed on the back of his head, set up Oregon's chapters of the club. A no-association order for the charismatic leader would be a "huge blow" to Oregon's Mongols, said Eugene police Detective Dave Burroughs, one of the investigators DeLoretto was accused of trying to run off the road. "This guy's the brains of the Mongols," he said. "He's extremely smart. He's a good leader." DeLoretto's lawyer, Kelly Beckley, said he would fight to protect his client's right to free association. "The state's attempt to vilify everybody associated with the Oregon Mongols, & to make them sound like some sort of a vicious outlaw motorcycle gang, is just wrong," he said.

**Guilty** – June 21, 2008 - **Canada** - Ottawa - Shant Esrabian was found guilty of first-degree murder & sentenced to life in prison Saturday for the brutal 2004 execution of 27-year-old cocaine dealer Hussein El-Hajj Hassan. Mr. Esrabian, 30, appeared emotionless as the foreman of the jury read out the verdict after 3 days of deliberations. Clad in an untucked pink sweater, Mr. Esrabian declined to say anything when offered the opportunity. "Mr. Esrabian, your world of drug culture & trafficking basically lives by its own rules," Ontario Superior Court Justice Albert Roy said to the Montreal drug dealer after the decision. "As we have witnessed, your rules are brutal & totally devoid of justice." Witnesses called to testify during the trial included several longtime cocaine dealers & a man police described at the trial as the president of the Ontario Hells Angels: Paul "Sasquatch" Porter. Mr. Esrabian was also sentenced Saturday for a contempt of court conviction based on his refusal to tell Judge Roy whether a prominent Ottawa drug dealer referenced in his June 9 testimony was Mr. Porter.

**Bikie laws 'must cover prisons'** – June 21, 2008 - **Australia** - By Nigel Hunt - The Opposition wants new legislation aimed at stopping bikies from associating to cover their activities in the

state's prisons. Opposition correctional services spokesman David Wade said revelations in the Sunday Mail last week of gang brawls indicated the Gov't was not effectively managing gang members inside prison. "Labor is keen to lock people up – it needs to give more attention to effectively managing prisoners while they are in prison," he said. "The situation is unacceptable & it is only going to get worse as the new bikies' legislation kicks in. Not only does the legislation lead to more prisoners but the Government's legislation gives a blanket exemption allowing gang members to associate within prison." Last week the Sunday Mail revealed police & Correctional Services had met following a number of bikie-related clashes inside Yatala Labour Prison. Further meetings are planned to facilitate the exchange of info on gang members to enable them to be properly managed when in custody. Wade said the Gov't should consider amending the legislation to enable prison management to charge prisoners who associated without reasonable excuse or permission.

**Tattoo shop shooting: bikie faces retribution** – June 21, 2008 – **Australia** - By Caroline Marcus - He is the bikie who allegedly shot his leader & brother-in-law & now faces something worse than prison time - retribution from his gang. Damien James Rainbow, 33, of Riverstone, used a sawn-off rifle to shoot Michael May, the Hawkesbury chapter president of the Life & Death Outlaw Motorcycle Gang, Parramatta Local Court heard yesterday. May, 31, is the husband of Rainbow's sister & reportedly VP of the motorcycle club. At 5.45pm on Monday, police were called to the Naked Gun II Tattoo Studio in Windsor, where they found May with a bullet lodged just below his knee. He was taken to Nepean Hospital, where he underwent surgery. On Friday, police executed a search warrant on Rainbow's home.

**Mob house burns** – June 21, 2008 - **New Zealand** - A house used by the Mongrel Mob in Invercargill was damaged by fire on tonight. The house was surrounded by members of the police armed offenders squad when the Fire Service arrived to fight to blaze at the house in Severn St. The house is in front of the Mob compound, which has been searched by police several times during the past 2 weeks. As recently as Thursday, police arrested Mob members at the compound & charged them in relation to the theft of Harley Davidson motorbikes taken from the Road Knights gang headquarters in Balmoral Drive earlier in that morning. The Road Knights headquarters was gutted in a fire police are treated as arson. Police called in reinforcements for the weekend as members from both the Road Knights & Mongrel Mobs arrived from out of town.

**Motorcycle gang causes traffic jam** – June 22, 2008 - **Canada** - Several members of an outlaw motorcycle gang were pulled over on Highway 40 near the exit for Côte Vertu Rd. yesterday, causing a traffic jam. "It was just a routine verification," said Sgt. Michel Brunet of the Sûreté du Québec. "There were no criminal charges laid." The traffic jam was caused by people slowing down to watch the bikers get pulled over, Brunet said. He would not confirm if the 10 bikers were part of the Hells Angels.

**A foursome of senior golfers** hit the course with waning enthusiasm for the sport. "These hills are getting steeper as the years go by," one complained. "These fairways seem to be getting longer too," said one of the others. "The sand traps seem to be bigger than I remember them too," said the third senior. After hearing enough from his Senior buddies, the oldest, & the wisest of the 4 of them at 87 years old, piped up & said... "Quit your dang complaining & just be thankful we're still on the Right Side of the grass!"

**Mongols leader lands in jail for I-5 chase** – June 23, 2008 – *Oregon* - By Bryan Denson - The president of Oregon's Mongols MC was sentenced today to one year in jail & ordered not to associate with the Mongols or any outlaw biker gang for a period of 5 years after his release. A Eugene jury last week found Justin "Mooch" DeLoretto, 27, guilty of menacing & other misdemeanor charges for his role in an April 23 incident in which he chased 2 gang investigators down Interstate 5 while phoning other Mongols for backup. Two other Mongol associates, accused of trying to run the 2 investigators off the highway near Eugene during rush hour, pleaded guilty to felony charges for their roles in the incident. Lane County Circuit Judge Debra Vogt sentenced DeLoretto to 6 months each for 2 counts of menacing for his role in the incident. She also suspended his driver's license & sentenced him to 5 years of probation. During his probation, DeLoretto will not be allowed to associate with the Mongols or wear the club's paraphernalia, Vogt ordered.

**Gang war set to get worse** – June 23, 2008 – *New Zealand* - By Evan Harding - Hostilities between the Road Knights & Mongrel Mob in Invercargill are likely to get a lot worse before they get better. This is the view of University of Canterbury gangs expert Jarrod Gilbert, who has been studying gang culture in New Zealand for 6 years as part of his PhD. He said yesterday the Mongrel Mob had struck at the very core of the Road Knights motorcycle gang when, police claim, they stole 2 of the Knights' Harley Davidsons & torched them last week. The Road Knights headquarters was torched last Thursday morning, with the 2 motorcycles taken at the time of the fire. Police are still investigating the fire at the gang headquarters & no charges have been laid in respect of that fire. However, they have charged Mongrel Mob members with stealing & then setting fire to the motorcycles. Gilbert said history had shown gangs fought more to protect their status than they did over drugs. "The (alleged stealing & burning of the motorcycles) is an attack at the very core of the Road Knights & it will be very hard for them to let that slide," Gilbert said. "Their status is derived from their motorcycles. It's an enormous attack & they will certainly want their pound of flesh." He expected hostilities to continue in the short to medium term before the warring gangs worked towards a truce. When a gang attacked another gang it was not normally a decision taken lightly because the consequences would be severe.

**Hells Angels bikers want Custer trial moved** - June 24, 2008 - *South Dakota* - Sioux Falls – AP - Two Hells Angels bikers charged with starting a 2006 gunfight that injured 6 rivals want their trial moved out of Custer. Chad Wilson of Washington state & John Midmore of Indiana are scheduled to stand trial starting Oct. 6 on 7 counts each for the shootout at Custer State Park. Charges include conspiracy to commit first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder & commission of a felony while armed. Wilson is a Canadian citizen & Midmore has dual citizenship in Canada & Australia. Lawyers say the defense has filed a request for a change of venue because of a belief the men can't get a fair trial in Custer County. A hearing will be held on the request.

**Bikie gangs get kids for dirty work** – June 24, 2008 – *Australia* - By Natalie O'Brien - Outlaw motorcycle gangs across Australia are recruiting youths & using them to carry out some of their most high-risk criminal activities, including armed hold-ups, violent home invasions, extortion & drug deals. According to police intelligence reports, bikie groups, including the Bandidos, Hell's Angels, the Rebels & Lone Wolf, are actively recruiting teenagers in NSW, the Gold Coast & South Australia, sparking fears that

they will grow up to become the next wave of organised-crime figures. One bikie group using youth gang members to distance themselves from their criminal activities is known to be giving them handguns & drugs in exchange for their services. Police believe that youth gang members with links to the Hell's Angels are behind a shoot-out in Adelaide's restaurant strip last month. The nation's peak crime fighting agency, the Australian Crime Commission, believes the issue is serious enough to hold a National Criminal Intelligence & Operations Forum in Sydney, bringing national & international experts together to discuss the dangers of street gangs.

**Judge bars Mongols chief from club** – June 24, 2008 - *Oregon* - A Lane County judge sentenced the Pres of Oregon's Mongols MC on Monday to a year in jail & ordered him not to associate with other Mongols -- including his twin brother -- or any outlaw biker gangs. Circuit Judge Debra Vogt ordered Justin "Mooch" DeLoretto, 27, to serve 6 months for each of 2 counts of menacing. She also suspended his driver's license & ordered him to serve 5 years of probation in which he can neither associate with the Mongols nor wear their insignia. A jury last week found DeLoretto not guilty of 8 felony charges but guilty of misdemeanors for his role in an April 23 auto chase. He & 2 associates were accused of trying to run a pair of gang investigators off Interstate 5 during rush hour on the northeast end of Eugene. "Ridiculous," said DeLoretto's twin brother, Jeremy. He described Monday's sentencing as judicial overkill that his brother would not have faced as an ordinary citizen rather than the founding president of Oregon's chapters of the Mongols. "We assumed the judge would be more lenient. You're talking about misdemeanor charges that are essentially traffic charges." Jeremy DeLoretto said it was unclear what impact his brother's jailing & no-association order would have on the Mongols' leadership in Oregon. Jeremy, who has been acting president while his brother awaited trial, said he didn't know who would take over. "We'll figure it out," he said. Justin DeLoretto was the driving force behind establishment of Mongols chapters in Eugene & Portland last fall. A bright, charismatic leader, he has a quick smile & an abundance of tattoos -- including "Mongols" stretching across the back of his head. The new chapters gave the California-based Mongols -- rivals of the notorious Hells Angels - a foothold in Oregon. The Oregon Mongols soon found that wherever they went, police were sure to follow. The most relentless of the club's pursuers were Special Agent Jimmy Packard of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, & Detective Dave Burroughs of the Eugene Police Department. The 2 investigators drove to Justin DeLoretto's home in rural Turner on April 23 to confirm where he lived because he was a suspect in a Eugene nightclub assault. DeLoretto spotted the 2 & followed them into nearby Salem & then south to Eugene, phoning other Mongols to back him up. Two Mongols associates, Matthew A. Weiss & Nathan A. Cassidy, pleaded guilty to felony charges for their roles in attempting to run Packard & Burroughs off the road. "I think the no-contact clause with any other motorcycle gangs was a huge victory for us," said Burroughs. "We're trying to stop the Mongols spreading throughout the state. That's our goal."

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**Banning Loaded Words at Criminal Trials** – June 24, 2008 – USA - By Sherry F. Colb; FindLaw - A Well-Meaning But Foolish Approach to Protecting Defendants - Earlier this month, the National Law Journal ran a story noting that a steadily increasing number of courts around the country are instituting bans on witnesses' use of loaded terms in criminal cases. Such forbidden words include "rape," "victim," "crime scene," "homicide," & "drunk." The trend appears to be a reaction to revelations about wrongful convictions of innocent people. Though understandable in some respects, this reaction is unreasonable & likely to frustrate, rather than enhance, the truth-seeking process. **Word Bans & Opinion Rules:** It is not hard to guess why courts might see fit to institute bans on loaded words at criminal proceedings. The Constitution protects a criminal defendant's right to a trial at which jurors must presume that the defendant is innocent unless & until persuaded of her guilt beyond any reasonable doubt. As DNA testing has established, juries sometimes convict defendants of crimes that they did not commit. The obvious inference is that something has gone wrong in the courtroom & that this "something" explains why juries are concluding that innocent people are guilty of crimes. Word bans reflect the conclusion that that "something" is the failure of criminal juries to apply the standard of proof as rigorously as they should & that this failure may result from the style of witnesses' narratives, including the particular words they use. The notion of regulating the manner in which the parties may present evidence to the jury is hardly revolutionary. Prior to the enactment of the Fed Rules of Evidence in 1975, in fact, Fed law contained a word ban of sorts, in the form of an "opinion rule." The opinion rule required that witnesses recite only facts, but not opinions, to the jury. Used in this context, an "opinion" is not a point of view about a disputable proposition (such as "vegan strawberry milkshakes are delicious"). It is instead a conclusion (such as "the cow was dead"), as opposed to a recitation of the facts on the basis of which one has drawn the conclusion (such as "the cow's heart was not beating," "her skin was cold & her eyes glazed," & "maggots had begun to colonize her flesh"). Witnesses ordinarily speak in terms of "opinions," rather than "facts." It was therefore frustrating for witnesses to be stopped mid-testimony & told to "give us facts rather than opinions," as the common law approach required. The result would often be to confuse a witness & thereby make it more difficult for him to tell his story. In addition, it is not clear where the line between facts & opinions lies. After all, one could characterize any factual claim as a conclusion based on observation. This is what we mean when we say that our eyes play tricks on us – we automatically strive to make sense out of what we see, hear, smell, taste, & touch, & the sense we make involves the drawing of an inference or opinion. When you say that you saw John Doe, for example, what you really mean is that you saw a person with many of the same features shared by Doe & that you drew the conclusion that it was Doe. But that is not how anyone usefully conveys recognition of a person's face. Realizing these flaws in the opinion rule, Congress passed Rule 701 of the Fed Rules of Evidence, which says the following: "If the witness is not testifying as an expert, the witness' testimony in the form of opinions or inferences is limited to those opinions or inferences which are (a) rationally based on the perception of the witness, & (b) helpful to a clear understanding of the witness' testimony or the determination of a fact in issue, & (c) not based on scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge within the scope of Rule 702." In other words, as long as opinion testimony by a lay witness (whose testimony is more tightly controlled than that of an expert) is rationally based on her perception & helpful to the jury, it is admissible. Rule 701 permits witnesses to talk in a more natural

fashion, rather than being interrupted with requests that would likely make little sense to a non-legally-trained person attempting to convey a factual narrative. **The Presumption of Innocence:** In an attempt to protect defendants' right to the presumption of innocence, some courts have effectively enacted the limitations of the "opinion rule" in the form of a loaded-word ban. Where a police officer might want to testify about a crime victim's statement, the rule requires that he use words other than "victim" instead. Only the jurors, on this reasoning, get to decide whether a particular complaining party is indeed a crime victim. Until they have so concluded, the use of the word "victim" is prejudicial & inappropriate. On this logic, a witness testifying that the defendant "raped" her is similarly out of line. Only the jury can decide whether the complaining witness was in fact raped. Until it does, the witness must use more neutral language, such as "the defendant had intercourse" with her, while she resisted & told him loudly to stop. This logic, however, is flawed, for the same reason that the earlier opinion rule was flawed. Witnesses – especially lay witnesses – speak in terms of factual conclusions, rather than basic building-block facts. To ask them to do otherwise is as likely to confuse them & produce incoherence as it is to enlighten the jury. Furthermore, any accurate description of a crime by a prosecution witness will necessarily draw conclusions about what occurred, & these conclusions will likely favor the prosecution over the defense, no matter how neutrally-phrased. People understand what a witness means when she says the defendant raped her, in other words, & a more "neutral" rendition of the same facts will still convey to the jury a prosecution version of events: i.e., that the defendant forced the complainant to have intercourse. Jury members will know, moreover, especially when instructed at length by the judge on the law, that they need not take the witness's word as to what happened; that is the very question they are charged with deciding, based in part on their assessment of the witness's credibility. One fundamental problem in the "word ban" approach to protecting the presumption of innocence is its implicit assumption that witnesses are required, in their testimony, to presume that the defendant is innocent. This assumption is false. The victim-witness in a rape case is not required to "presume" anything about what occurred. She was present at the scene & knows what happened. It is the jurors who must presume the defendant's innocence, & this means only that they must find the defendant "not guilty" as long as they have not heard sufficient evidence to persuade them of his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Part of the evidence that may or may not be sufficient will consist of witnesses, such as the victim herself, who describe their own observations as clearly as they can. If the jury is persuaded that a witness has spoken honestly & accurately about what she accurately perceived & remembered, then it will, properly, consider such testimony as proof of the defendant's guilt. **Free Speech:** Some critics of the word bans have invoked the First Amendment freedom of speech, arguing that witnesses have the right to describe what occurred without Gov't censorship in the form of word bans. Such critics, however, are mistaken. Witnesses do not have 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights to free speech in the courtroom. Indeed, it is difficult to imagine a more controlled presentation of "in your own words" narratives than testimony at a criminal trial. Judges constantly (and properly) rule that witnesses may testify about one set of observations but not another, on grounds of relevance, unfair prejudice to one side or another, or observance of the many rules that bar the admission of relevant evidence, including prior crimes & privileged information. Though witnesses at a criminal trial have free speech rights as broad as those of anyone else when they are not testifying, in court, witnesses do not have constitutional protection that extends either to the content or to the form of their

presentation. That said, there is at least a policy reason to avoid forcing crime victims to phrase what they say in terms that may implicitly negate the truth of their own sworn testimony. It is already often intimidating & traumatic for witnesses to speak in open court about crimes that resulted in both physical & psychological damage. Though victims understand that a jury will decide whether or not to convict, they also expect to be able to describe what happened to them in words that accurately represent reality. For a rape victim to be told, "You must not say that you were raped but that you & the defendant had intercourse" is to compel her to distort, rather than reveal, the painful reality of what occurred. Though she does not have a 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment right to tell her story, it seems unnecessarily cruel & degrading to require her to make her story sound more "neutral." And in this context, there is no truly neutral word; most lay people would take someone saying "We had intercourse" to mean "We had consensual intercourse." **An Alternative Approach:** There is still good reason to strive to protect criminal defendants from whatever has gone wrong in our courtrooms to generate so many convictions of innocent people. Perhaps we might provide expert witnesses to help cast doubt on the accuracy of eye-witness identifications, a frequent source of error in criminal cases that nonetheless represents the "gold standard" of proof in the eyes of many jurors. We should not, however, reinstate a variant on the old opinion rule, in which we require prosecution witnesses to speak as though they must share the presumption of a defendant's innocence with the jury. Such a rule misconstrues the presumption of innocence & simultaneously detracts from the coherence of a narrative that jurors seeking the truth have an interest in hearing. Word bans, finally, harm the witnesses who appear in court to testify against criminal defendants, sometimes at great personal cost. It does so by putting words in their mouths that minimize the gravity of what they have suffered. Though they mean well, courts should thus reconsider the wisdom of "word bans" at criminal trials.

**Biker Injured** – June 24, 2008 – *Minnesota / North Dakota* - A North Dakota man is recovering after spending 11 hours facedown in a ditch before his fellow motorcyclists found him in western Minnesota. John Heinz, 28, of Fargo was injured Saturday when he drove his motorcycle off the road half a mile north of Georgetown. When Heinz, a member of Fargo's Prometheus MC, did not return by 7 p.m., his friends started searching the area. The Clay County Sheriff's Office & the Minnesota State Patrol joined the search early Sunday. Around 3 a.m., members of the motorcycle club's search party found Heinz conscious. Authorities said Heinz yelled for help & waved to passing cars, but no one could see him because of the tall grass. He suffered road rash & some broken bones.

**Drug lab linked to bikie gang** – June 24, 2008 - *Adelaides, South Australia* - The discovery of a clandestine drug lab in the western suburbs led to the arrest of 2 men, one of which has links to an outlaw motorcycle gang. Police arrested the 2 men following a raid on a house at St Albans Tce, Semaphore Park, just after midday today. A Semaphore Park man, 27, who has alleged links with the Finks Motorcycle gang was charged with several drugs offences & carrying a prohibited weapon. A Grange man, 27, was also charged with drug offences & both will appear in court at a later date.

**Area citizens invited to discuss Hells Angels visit** – June 25, 2008 - *Missoula, Montana* - Mayor John Engen & Police Chief Mark Muir have scheduled a public meeting on Tuesday to discuss their strategy for managing public safety during the

upcoming visit of Hell's Angels motorcycle gang. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council chambers at 140 W. Pine St. Larry Howell of the University of Montana law school will serve as moderator. Howell was a member of the citizens review committee that looked back at the 2000 Hell's Angels visit to Missoula & made recommendations for new approaches. Engen & Muir will talk briefly about plans for the late-July & early-August visit & listen to comments from citizens during Tuesday night's meeting.

**Police chief bags SA bikie laws** – June 25, 2008 - *Australia* - Victoria's police chief is warning SA's tough new anti-bikie gang laws will lead to increased conflict between police & bikies & drive them underground. Police Commissioner Christine Nixon says the laws will "merely drive the visible appearance of OMCGs underground, where the criminal activity will continue to function". "Rather than displacing OMCG organized crime activity from SA, it is likely the new laws will increase police-OMCG conflict," she said. "Victoria Police does not support proposals intended to deal with OMCG members in a similar manner to that of terrorist groups by prohibiting groups & individual association between declared persons." In her submission to a Fed parliamentary crime inquiry, Nixon also says the SA laws would probably breach Victoria's charter of human rights. SA Police has disagreed with the comments, with a spokeswoman for Police Commissioner Mal Hyde saying police believed "our legislation will be highly effective in disrupting serious criminal behavior". "SAPOL can't understand Chief Commissioner Nixon's opinion these criminals will be driven underground, as serious organized criminals already go to great lengths to keep their criminal activities secret," she said. Queensland's Crime & Misconduct Commission also has questioned the effectiveness of the SA laws. Bikie gang expert Dr Arthur Veno has called for an independent crime commission in SA to oversee the implementation of the new laws. Their views are contained in submissions to the inquiry into laws to outlaw serious & organized crime groups. The committee is expected to take evidence in Adelaide early next month. State Parliament passed the new laws last month after an extensive debate & protests from lawyers & civil libertarians. The tough anti-bikie laws make it an offence for outlaw MC members or people with criminal records to meet more than 6 times a year. They also significantly widen police powers to deal with bikie gangs. A recent bikie funeral in Adelaide for Gypsy Jokers Pres Wayne "Chiller" McGrath, attended by more than 300 people, might have been declared illegal under the new laws, which are yet to come into effect. The Queensland commission submission says legislation proscribing specific groups may be useful in disrupting the activities of outlaw MC's but banning association among certain individuals is likely to be subject to extensive legal challenge. "Persons may be sent to jail not for what they do but for who they know," it says. Dr Veno, from Monash Univ's school of political & social inquiry, in a joint submission with Dr Julie van den Eynde, from Queensland Univ's faculty of social & behavioral science, says the new legislation has no checks & balances. He said the only possible recourse was to put some balance back in the system & to establish an independent commission against corruption to oversee the implementation of the legislation. A spokeswoman for Atty-Gen Mike Atkinson, Jayne Stinson, said the Gov't made no apology for taking a tough stance & adopting all necessary measures to eradicate criminals from the streets. "An ICAC is not necessary," she said. "SA has a comprehensive system of anti-corruption bodies. "These include the Police Complaints Authority & an Ombudsman with the powers of a royal commission as well as whistleblowers legislation."

**Hells Angels riding into Bay County – June 25, 2008 -**

**Callaway, Florida** – By Jeremy Morrison; News Herald Writer - Group establishing its first Florida chapter - Traditionally conjuring up images of lawless, leather-clad horsemen rumbling their Harley-Davidsons on the fringes of society, the Hells Angels apparently has softened around the edges. A new, local chapter would rather sell you officially licensed merchandise than start any trouble. Riding for more than half a century on its outlaw image, the infamous Hells Angels MC has arrived in Florida, & an ad featuring the club's winged-skull logo has appeared in this newspaper calling for new members. "We just wanted to let people know we're here; it's no big deal," said Paul Stevens, who is organizing the Florida chapter. Stevens stressed members no longer are the stereotypical bikers terrorizing the paved landscape. "We are a political club; we are not a drug club. We're not interested in the Hollywood persona," Stevens said. "The time of the biker being a biker is long gone. We no longer have the drunk, drugged-up, crazy biker. It's a totally different world." Standing in his den Wed morning, Stevens talked of how the Gulf Chapter, the Hells Angels' first sanctioned chapter in the state, will focus on riding their motorcycles, selling T-shirts & raising money for charities. Eventually, he would like to see the chapter grow to cover any state touching the Gulf of Mexico, possibly even stretching over the border & into Mexico. Bay County was strategically picked as the launching ground for the chapter. The area, with its heavy military influence & relaxed, beach feel, was viewed as a prime locale, Stevens said. "Panama City, the Bay (County) area, is perfect for what we're doing here," Stevens said, adding he eventually would like to see international gatherings of the club here. "We've got the Gulf of Mexico out there to go play; we've got the new airport. It's a perfect spot." **Sales:** Rather than criminal activity, the new chapter will be making money by selling Hells Angels merchandise. More than a motorcycle club, the Angels also is a corporation with a variety of products emblazoned with the winged-skull. "It's an engine to create money," Stevens said of the Hells Angels' name recognition. Stevens hopes to open a storefront. Pinned up on his wall is a mosaic of biker-motif artwork. Some of it is destined for T-shirts. A couple of photos showing women up against a wall & wearing the club patch are the beginnings of a wall calendar. "This is the start of girls wearing my patch, in their underwear, local girls," he said. His wife also is looking into making Hells Angels swimsuits, he added. Also on the wall is a Congressional Medal of Honor & a couple of dinner invitations from President George W. Bush. The biker is a longtime Republican & said he encounters a lot of politicians that respect the Hells Angels. "Everyone else is playing games, while people high up are saying, 'Keep going, buddy,'" Stevens said. **Heyday:** While he concedes the biker club has had its darker moments, Stevens said a lot has changed over the years. He should know; he's been around awhile. "The woman we all called Nana was the woman who sowed the patches for the Oakland Hells Angels," Stevens said, describing growing up amidst the club's Northern California heyday of the 1970s. In the years since, the Hells Angels have evolved & now count "doctors & lawyers" among their members. The Gulf Chapter is taking this new-day thinking a step further, opening its ranks to women. Since running an ad proclaiming "all races & sexes welcome," Stevens estimates roughly half of the 2 dozen respondents have been female. "We're kind of like a pilot program," he said of the chapter's inclusion of women, adding that other races are not common in Hells Angels' circles, but also not unheard of. "There are some black patch-holders. I know two of 'em." Bikers interested in joining the Gulf Chapter will need to stick it out for seven years before they are eligible for the skull logo aback their jackets. During that time, prospects will be sized

up. "The seven years is important because it helps us weed out people," Stevens explained. "It helps people weed themselves out." The 1<sup>st</sup> Gulf Chapter patches, or rockers, are sewn onto the back of Stevens' cut-off jacket. He points to the Hells Angels rocker riding across the shoulders. There is no apostrophe in Hells; it's plural, not possessive. "The reason there's no apostrophe here is that there's many hells," Stevens said, explaining the intended contrast between dark & light, between hell & an angel. "It's a balance. We're representing a balance."

**Charges dismissed in MC beating – June 25, 2008 – Wisconsin**

- A judge dismissed charges against a man accused of ordering a pair of brothers to beat another man at an Oshkosh MC. Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge Bruce Schmidt granted a defense motion to dismiss felony charges of substantial battery & intimidating a witness Tuesday after defense attorney Craig Mastantuono said he still had not received all of the discovery information he needed to prepare for Anthony K. Gazzana's jury trial, which was scheduled to begin Tuesday. According to the criminal complaint, Gazzana, 29, ordered 2 brothers – Brock Henke, 23, & Justin Henke, 26, – to beat up a man at the Zodiac Club, 2824 Fond du Lac Road, on Sept. 6. The man needed 21 stitches to close chin & lip wounds after being punched & kicked. Brock Henke is facing charges of substantial battery, intimidating a victim, false imprisonment & first-degree recklessly endangering safety. He is due back in court for a plea hearing Aug. 4. A felony charge of substantial battery against Justin Henke was dismissed earlier this month due to the length of time it was taking the state crime lab to process evidence.

**Crackdown continues – June 25, 2008 – Australia** - By Miranda

Holker - The police crackdown on bikies in Bunbury has continued with several people charged during the past week. A member of the Coffin Cheaters MC was arrested on an outstanding warrant & an associate has been charged for possessing amphetamines with intent to sell after members of the Gang Crime Unit & local police targeted the CBD on Saturday night. Gang Crime Unit officers also spent several hours at the Bunbury headquarters of the Coffin Cheaters on Thursday afternoon, seizing \$4000 worth of alcohol & cash & charging 2 men with selling alcohol without a permit. A company has also been charged with the same offence. South West District Police Superintendent Mick Sutherland said a tough line was being taken with bikies & people could expect a continuing high police presence in the CBD. "This is a continuing investigation into outlaw motorcycle gangs by police," he said. "We will be taking a no tolerance approach to this. "People are continuing to behave badly in & around licensed premises with assaults also continuing." Police have been keeping a close eye on bikies after an increase in activity, including violent assaults. A number of members & associates are facing charges including assault following several incidents including an alleged attack on a crowd controller Fitz-gerald's Irish Bar on May 9 & a brawl at Fitzgerald's on May 24.

**A man was walking** home late at night & sees a woman in the shadows. 'Twenty dollars...' she whispers. He'd never been with a hooker before, but decides what yhe hell, it's only twenty bucks. So they hide in the bushes. They're going 'at it' for a minute when all of a sudden a light flashes on them. It's a police officer. 'What's going on here, people?' asks the officer. 'I'm making love to me wife!' the man answers sounding annoyed. 'Oh, I'm sorry,' says the cop, 'I didn't know.' 'Well, neither did I, til you shined that light in her face!'

**Judge warns against ruckus as 5 Mongrel Mob** – June 25, 2008 – *New Zealand* - Judge Kevin Phillips gave a stern warning that he would not stand for any ruckus before Mongrel Mob members appeared before him yesterday. Five southern-based Mongrel Mob appeared in the Invercargill District Court yesterday. Shaun Newton Te Kahu, Barry James Pennicott, Craig Arthur Reid, Pihama John Tauroa, & Katiana Tawa Kereopa appeared briefly before Judge Phillips on a variety of charges stemming from arrests made last week. Before their appearances, Judge Phillips made it clear he would not stand for any ruckus from the public gallery & said anyone who created trouble would be expelled from the courtroom immediately. None of the men applied for bail, but most are expected to return to court tomorrow to make an application. Pleas have yet to be entered. Te Kahu, Pennicott, Reid & Tauroa were remanded in custody to July 8, while Kereopa was remanded in custody to July 4. Another man, Peter John Kawenga, is scheduled to appear in the Gore District Court today. Te Kahu had a parting shot as he left the dock. "I hear there are some Road Knights patches for sale, too." In the Dunedin District Court yesterday 3 Mob members appeared in relation to arrests in Invercargill on Thursday, the same day the Road Knights' headquarters was torched. Jamie Lester Dawson, 31, charged with possession of a hunting rifle & driving while disqualified at Invercargill, was remanded in custody until July 1. Che Akahuta James Cooper, 24, charged with driving while suspended at Invercargill, was remanded on bail until July 15 while Jai Gordon Davis, 28, charged with possession of an offensive weapon, a ninja star, did not appear yesterday morning & a warrant was issued for his arrest, a court staffer said.

**Hells Angel gets bail in kidnapping** – June 25, 2008 - *Canada* - Bail was granted on Monday to 2 men, one known as a Nanaimo Hells Angel, on charges of kidnapping, beating & confining a man in the Coombs-Errington area. On Monday Judge Eldon Iverson released both Lea Sheppe, 56, & Dean Curtis Madill, 51. It is widely known that Sheppe has been a member of the Nanaimo Hells Angels. The case relates back to claims of a stolen motorcycle in the Coombs area, & the alleged involvement in that theft of the 29-year-old alleged victim. Both men are charged with assault, uttering threats & extortion on March 21, & forcible confinement on March 23.

**Hells Angels told to hand back land** – June 25, 2008 - *The Amsterdam* Hells Angels chapter must hand back a large part of the land currently occupied by its clubhouse to the city council, judges ruled on Wed. The motorcycle group was given the use of 590 square meters in 1974 but has since expanded that to nearly 5,000 square meters. The Angels have 2 years to move. The city council says it has other plans for the land.

**Hells Angels come to Florida Panhandle** – June 26, 2008 – *Callaway, Florida* – Fort Mill Times - The Hells Angels are coming to Florida, but they're not bringing their lawless image with them. Paul Stevens, who is organizing a chapter near Panama City, says the stereotypical drunk, drugged-up, crazy biker is a thing of the past. He says the Gulf Chapter, the first sanctioned chapter in the state, will focus on riding motorcycles, selling T-shirts & raising money for charities. Traditionally made up of white men in the past, Stevens says the group is trying to open its ranks to women & other races. But regardless of race or gender, membership isn't exactly automatic. Stevens says new members will have to wait at least seven years before receiving the iconic winged-skull logo for their jackets.

**Remembering George Carlin:** As collectors we all have "stuff" & fondly remember comedian George Carlin, who died this week. His routine describes most of us. "That's all you need in life, a little place for your stuff. That's all your house is: a place to keep your stuff. If you didn't have so much stuff, you wouldn't need a house. A house is just a pile of stuff with a cover on it. That's what your house is, it's a place to keep your stuff while you go out & get more stuff. Sometimes you gotta move, gotta get a bigger house. Why? No room for your stuff anymore You've gotta move all your stuff, & maybe put some of your stuff in storage. Imagine that there's a whole industry based on keeping an eye on your stuff." How true!

**Biker turf war feared** – June 26, 2008 – *Canada* - By Ian Robertson, Sun Media - The threat of a looming biker gang power struggle has police across Ontario on high alert as the summer heats up, York Region's top cop says. And with two Hells Angels chapters in his region, he's counting on a bylaw banning fortresses that is being drafted for all nine York municipalities to consider. Rumours persist of an invasion by rival bikers though there have been no signs yet, Chief Armand La Barge said. "The Hells Angels enjoys the luxury of being the most powerful outlaw gang in the province," he told the Sun. But, in addition to the threat by rival gangs, "some members ... are disenchanting." Police are hearing rumours the Loners & Rock Machine want to take on the Hells, La Barge said, evoking memories of the 1990s turf war that killed 156 people in Quebec.

**1 guilty, 1 acquitted in coke case** - June 26, 2008 – *Canada* - By Sarah Elizabeth Brown - The woman accused of being the banker for a cocaine-trafficking outfit connected to the Hells Angels has been found not guilty. Superior Court Justice John McCartney acquitted the Fort Frances woman Wednesday of conspiracy to traffic cocaine & participating in the activities of a criminal organization. McCartney said there was no evidence presented at trial to show a transfer of money between Crystal Godbout & her mother Janet Godbout, nor was there evidence that the daughter was compensated for her work as the holder of money from drug sales. Janet Godbout was the No. 2 person in the cocaine-trafficking ring operating in Fort Frances under Thunder Bay Hells Angels member Mario Minier. Janet Godbout & Minier, along with Godbout's sons Dion & Julian, have all pleaded guilty to various drug & conspiracy-related charges & been given jail terms.

**A blonde** finds herself in serious trouble. Her business has gone bust & she's in dire financial straits. She's desperate, so she decides to ask God for help. She begins to pray... 'God, please help me. I've lost my business & if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lottery.' Lottery night comes, & somebody else wins. She again prays... 'God, please let me win the lottery! I've lost my business, my house & I'm going to lose my car as well.' Lottery night comes & she still has no luck. Once again, she prays... 'My God, why have you forsaken me? I've lost my business, my house, & my car. My children are starving. I don't often ask You for help, & I've always been a good servant to You. Please let me win the lottery just this one time so I can get my life back in order.' Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open. The blonde is overwhelmed by the Voice of God, Himself.... 'Sweetheart, work with Me on this.... Buy a ticket.'

**Fears of gang violence loom over biker event – June 26, 2008 – California** – By Stefanie Frith; The Desert Sun - Two of California's most prominent outlaw motorcycle gangs are expected to roll into Palm Springs during October's American Heat Palm Springs Motorcycle Weekend, law enforcement officials said. The Mongols & Vagos MCs are identified as outlaw motorcycle gangs in the Organized Crime in California Annual Report to the California Legislature 2005 document prepared by the California Department of Justice. "When you get this event, you have Vagos, Hells Angels, The Green Machine, & when they all come together, they are bitter enemies," Palm Springs Police Chief David Dominguez said. "That's when we have the potential for violence." Discussion about these motorcycle gangs took place during a recent Palm Springs City Council meeting, where members voted 3-2 to allow the event to take place Oct. 12-14 along Palm Canyon Drive in downtown. They also voted to suspend the city's noise ordinance that weekend & to spend up to \$35,000 for public safety, traffic, trash & other costs. Some of the city's funds will be paid by the Business Improvement District & hotels, which will provide \$10 per room to cover costs. Mayor Steve Pougnet admitted the potential for violence was great, but said the city has done a good job policing the event in the past. He added he personally "can't stand the noise" & usually leaves town during the American Heat weekend. Two councilmen did not agree. "There is an unacceptable risk with this event," Councilman Rick Hutcheson said. One incident "could ruin the city's reputation." In 2002, a biker rally brawl left three bikers dead in Laughlin, Nev., for example. Councilman Lee Weigel, a former Palm Springs police chief, said the Mongols are angling to become as well known as the Hells Angels, which is what led to the Laughlin fight. "What makes it scary to me is that the Mongols are on a mission, if you will, to be the premier motorcycle gang in California & the nation," Weigel said. "As a result, they are challenging other gangs." Weigel said the Mongols have told the Palm Springs Police Department they won't back down if an incident occurs & they are not afraid of the local police. Cathedral City Police Det. Larry Sanfillippo said Vagos members live in the Coachella Valley, but law enforcement doesn't have any problems with them. Some have been seen hanging out at Hair of the Dog in downtown Palm Springs, Dominguez said. Gary Bergeron, manager of Hair of the Dog, said if Vagos were at the bar, that's news to him. "On biker weekend, we won't let them wear the colors (that identify them as members of a motorcycle gang)," Bergeron said. "If you don't let the colors happen, that changes everything." Bergeron added American Heat is a busy weekend for the bar, adding about 30 percent more business. And having it back on Palm Canyon Drive will make a big difference, he said. "It's so much more fun for everyone," he said. "All the bikers & vendors ... are just happier. They aren't stuck in a dusty parking lot, like second-class citizens." In the past, Weigel said there have been standoffs with motorcycle gangs during the American Heat weekend. There have been stabbings, possession of weapons, traffic violations & officers surrounded by members, Dominguez said. "There have been confrontations between the Vagos & Hells Angels that we had to step in & say, 'Cool it,'" Weigel said. "But we didn't have any violence to speak of, just fist fights & standard stuff, no shootings." Weigel said about 20 motorcycles were also stolen during the first two years of the event. Sanfillippo, a member of the Coachella Valley Violent Crime Gang Task Force, said when the motorcycle gangs come into town for American Heat, they often take over an entire hotel, posting their own security & contacting business owners to set up restaurant reservations & other events. The difference between a motorcycle gang & a street gang is that the bikers are much more

organized, Sanfillippo said. "These are guys who (are into) drug sales, weapons, homicides, anything & everything," he said. "Auto theft. They do all those crimes. They are dangerous because they are so organized." He added motorcycle gangs are always recruiting. "If you don't pay attention to them, if you ignore them, they are what they are," Sanfillippo said. "If you allow them to do their thing, they will." **Kudos & concerns:** October's American Heat will be the seventh such event in Palm Springs. The 2002 event was canceled per Weigel's request after the rally in Laughlin. When it came back in 2003, it was moved off Palm Canyon Drive to a parking lot next to the Spa Resort Casino. This year, it will move back to Palm Canyon Drive. Aftab Dada, general manager of the Palm Springs Hilton Hotel, told the City Council the event generates the highest weekend rate & occupancy in the fall season & moving it back to Palm Canyon Drive is ideal for exhibitors & visitors. Weigel was still concerned, however, with the potential cost to the city for additional law enforcement. In the past, local agencies have donated officers. This year, Palm Springs may be charged for those services, Dominguez said. That fee is unknown at this time, he said. The value of last year's outside law enforcement, however, was about \$84,000, according to a city staff report. Mayor Pro Tem Ginny Foat said the city needed the event to benefit the local economy, however, & voted for the funding request & for a suspension of the noise ordinance. Councilman Chris Mills agreed & said he has heard other police chiefs give the same report Dominguez did about the potential risk for violence. Dominguez said he plans to have a minimum of 100 officers from various agencies policing the event. While there is a high risk for violence, he said he doesn't "anticipate any problems." "It's just a small percent, one to two percent (who come), are outlaw motorcycle gang members," he said.

**Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs:** The 7 dwarfs always left to go work in the mine early each morning. As always, Snow White stayed home doing her domestic chores. As lunchtime approached, she would prepare their lunch & carry it to the mine. One day as she arrived at the mine with the lunch, she saw that there had been a terrible cave-in. Tearfully, & fearing the worst, Snow White began calling out, hoping against hope that the dwarfs had somehow survived. 'Hello!... Hello!' she shouted. 'Can anyone hear me? Hello!' For a long while, there was no answer. Losing hope, Snow White again shouted, 'Hello! Is anyone down there?' Just as she was about to give up all hope, she heard a faint voice from deep within the mine, singing.... 'Vote for Barack Obama! - Vote for Barack Obama!' Snow White fell to her knees, crossed herself & prayed, 'Oh, thank you, God! At least Dopey is still alive...

**Where Do Red-Headed Babies come from?** After their baby was born, the panicked father went to see the Obstetrician. "Doctor," the man said, "I don't mind telling you, but I'm a little upset because my daughter has red hair. She can't possibly be mine!" "Nonsense," the doctor said". "Even though you & your wife both have black hair, one of your ancestors may have contributed red hair to the gene pool." "It isn't possible," the man insisted."? "This can't be, our families on both sides had jet-black hair for generations." "Well," said the doctor, "let me ask you this. How often do you have sex?" The man seemed a bit ashamed. "I've been working very hard for the past year. We only made love once or twice every few months." "Well, there you have it!" The doctor said confidently. "It's rust."