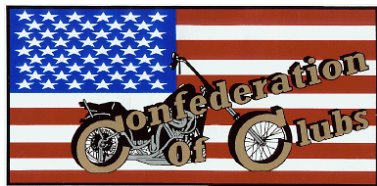


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Editor’s Note: Issue 1 from July 2008, we mailed out 150 copies of this newsletter. If more than one in a prison, I will only mail one copy of this newsletter for those to share. I am currently doing this in many prisons already & believe it works. This is a cost saving measure...

Editor’s Note: If you have missed one of the issue, drop me a letter & specify the issue that you missed... For May there were 3 newsletters, June there were 4 newsletters & so far for July there are 3 issues...

Editor’s Note: I just want give a quick Thank you to Sons Of Silence Maki, who provides me with most of the quotes that appear here...

Warlocks MC Nation Guestbook:

July 13, 2008 Name: Big Shawn Loc: Everywhere Club Affiliation: Brother4Life Comts: This has been one of the longest rides in my entire life. When I received the phone call the World as I knew it then ended. I was in New Hampshire with my Brothers doing what we do, doing what Booger loved to do. I have so many things that I want to say, so many things I need to say. In time all words will come out correct. I can say this, our Brother Booger did not believe in the Words, Retirement or Mandatory. He did believe if you’re a Warlock you’re a Warlock for life. So I say to all Warlocks in this Great Nation, Booger Loved us all & believed in the Brotherhood we have. He believed as the ones who started this some 41 years ago. I know that times are hard, & money is tight. But Brothers scrape your change cans, empty your piggy banks of Nickels, Quarters & Dimes. Make the Highways Rumble as you make your way to Cocoa, Booger sacrificed for us all in so many ways, I only ask you now to

sacrifice a day of work, a tank of gas, a moment in time, that we can all come together as one to Celebrate the Life of Brother Booger together. If you ever had the pleasure to spend a moment with him you know what I say is True. If you did not get the chance, then take the Trip to Cocoa & come & feel what he did. Throughout History there has been many Natural Disasters, such as Tornadoes, Hurricanes, & Earthquakes, & we the Warlock Nation are now suffering one. Brother Booger I miss you so much, & at the present time I cannot understand why you have been taken. I do have my Faith, my Faith in you, my Faith in my Brothers, my Faith in my Family. My Brothers Big John, PhilZ, & Danbo, I thank you for the time on the Road. That Ride was for Booger. My Brother Boodan, there are No Words. Brothers across this Nation, when Booger ended speaking with me, not one time did he not say to me, Brother I Love You. He Loved us all, I will be waiting for all of you in Cocoa on the 19th. Let Booger hear the Rumbles of our MC as you make your way there. WFFW

July 11, 2008 Name: BooDan Loc: APIPMA Club: Lifer
Comts: Confirmed! No more mis-info about the Cremation & service for our brother. The Family has signed, approved & given permission. The Funeral home has talked to me face to face & confirmed in writing. 1. Monday July 14th, 10:00am 321-269-9222 Funeral Home Phone # 1450 Norwood Ave., Titusville, FL 32796 (Norwood & US 1. Robert Dennis Letlow aka RD aka Booger will be cremated with a Warlock Patch, Brothers are welcome! 2. Thu July 17th The Immediate Family will have a quiet service there & receive the ashes. At that time they will have 3 urns & take ashes for themselves, Kayle, & Warlocks. 3. Sat July 19th 6:00 pm at the Cocoa Clubhouse Warlocks will have a Memorial Service, Music, Food & Brotherhood to send my Booger Off. We will do it Warlock style. Clubhouse # is 321-636-3764 2511 Coconut drive. Cocoa FL 32926, off of Range road. All are welcome! It's for anyone that ever had any contact with my Brother Booger! Thank you everyone for your patience. Special thanks to Jessica, Grip, Mell & Karen.

July 10, 2008 Name: Mike Loc: Minnesota Club: Sons Of Silence MC Comts: You have my Sincerest Condolences on the loss of your Brother Booger...

July 10, 2008 Name: Big Pete/SeaDog Loc: England Club: Hell Yes Comments: Booger...Ride Free Brother my thoughts go out to U & your Family..the Nation has lost another True Soldier,so to you & all other Free Birds Love & Respect.C U All in another Port.. SeaDog

July 10, 2008 Name: Halfway Location: FL Club: Warlock for Life Comments: Yesterday I lost someone I really looked up to, & learned a lot from. Booger was one of my favorite people I've ever met & In the last 2 years we got very close. He was defiantly a Full-Time Warlock & a true warrior & he was all about the nation & his family always. I just want this to be a fucking joke, but its not. I love & miss you Brother.

July 10, 2008 Name: Michelle Loc: Florida Comments: Nuke & I are very sorry for the loss of Booger. We all loved him very much. Our thoughts are now with he family. We are here to help. We love you, Booger & will miss you deeply.

July 10, 2008 Name: S.O.S. Axxel Loc: Northern Arkansas Club: Sons Of Silence MC Comments: My heart is with Booger's family, & with all his Brothers. There are no words that can convey my feelings for this loss ... my sympathies...

July 10, 2008 Name: Grub Loc: South Carolina Comts: It saddens me greatly to lose a unique brother like Booger. I will always cherish the time he spent with me over June Jam. I will especially cherish the knife he gave me that used to belong his dad. Love & Respect - Grub Warlock & Watson

July 10, 2008 Name: Tinman Loc: Seminole Syndicate Club: Coming To A Town Near You Comts: The Brothers from Seminole want to express our sadness & Condolences to the Family of Booger, Fly Free Brother WFFW

July 10, 2008 Name: Kelly WMC Loc: England, Lincolnshire Comments: A sad day indeed on the passing of our brother Booger, he died doing the job his loved just as he lived the life he loved, with the people he loved as its already said a stand up guy with whom has left a great void in our hearts,Ride Free Brother, L,H R Kelly WMC Karen W.F.F.W

July 10, 2008 Name: SOS Big Ed Loc: Kans ass Club: Sons Of Silence (Kansas) Comts: To my Brothers & Sisters in the Warlock Nation I send my Love & Respect & condolences for your loss of Warlock Booger 1%'er. I met him several times & was totally impressed & befriended him. He was a Brother's Brother & he will be missed. Love, Respect, Honor, & Trust! Sons Of Silence (Kansas) Big Ed

July 10, 2008 Name: Warlocks MC Germany Loc: Allgäu Club: Frozen Fux WFFW Comts: Our deepest condolences to

the nation on the passing of our brother Booger. Also to his family & friends. Bruiser

July 9, 2008 Name: Hawg Loc: USA Club: Sons of Silence MC Comts: I want to express my Sadness & Condolences to the Family & Brothers of Booger. It's never easy to Lose a brother & the Longer you live in our world that harder it gets! Hawg SFFS

July 9, 2008 Name: Evil Loc: Everywhere Club: Warlock Comts: It deeply saddens all of us for the loss of Booger 1%'er, he taught me alot about my job. He was a Brother - Brother.

Condolences to his family, & his chapter. Fly High Brother in the Freebird Chapter..

July 9, 2008 Name: The National Loc: Everywhere Club: Warlocks MC Comments: It is with heavy heart to inform the Nation & the World that Our Brother & National Enforcer Booger was killed today while working the high tension lines. It was a high risk job that he loved & knew the danger. Always remember our Brother told you he Loved you when he talked to you, because he always knew he might not make it off the pole someday, he Loved this Nation & he Loved His Brothers! WFFW Fly Free My Brother...

Editor's Note: There are *Many Many* more Condolences...

Bush signs new rules on Gov't wiretapping – July 10, 2008 – **Washington, DC** - By Jennifer Loven; AP - Pres Bush signed a bill Thur that overhauls rules about Gov't eavesdropping & grants immunity to telecommunications companies that helped the U.S. spy on Americans in suspected terrorism cases. He called it "landmark legislation that is vital to the security of our people." Bush signed the measure in a Rose Garden ceremony a day after the Senate sent it to him, following nearly a year of debate in the Democratic-led Congress over surveillance rules & the warrantless wiretapping program Bush initiated after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. It was a battle that pitted privacy & civil liberties concerns against the desire to prevent terrorist attacks & Democrats' fears of being portrayed as weak when it comes to protecting the country. Its passage was a major victory for Bush, an unpopular lame-duck president who nevertheless has been able to prevail over Congress on most issues of national security & intelligence disputes. Bush said the 9/11 attack "changed our country forever" & taught the intelligence community that it must know who America's enemies are talking to & what they are saying. "In the aftermath of 9/11," Bush said, "few would have imagined that we would be standing here 7 years later without another attack on American soil. The fact that the terrorists have failed to strike our shores again does not mean that our enemies have given up." Even before Bush signed the legislation, the American Civil Liberties Union said it would challenge the new law in court. The Pres said the bill gives the Gov't anti-terror tools it needs without compromising Americans' civil liberties. Bush was joined at the ceremony by VP Dick Cheney, Atty General Michael Mukasey, Dir of Nat'l Intelligence Mike McConnell & more than a dozen members of Congress.

"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust & sweat & blood, who strives valiantly, who errs & comes up short again & again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, & who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold & timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

- Theodore Roosevelt...

Bandidos motorcycle club to hold Moab rally – July 10, 2008 – *Utah* - By Craig Bigler - The Bandidos MC is coming to town in mid-August for their annual business meeting & Sheriff Jim Nyland said he expects club members to be on their best behavior. Nyland & Moab City Police Chief Mike Navarre have made preparations to ensure the public safety. The club will be camping on private property near Moab, Nyland said. Visiting LEOs will be in Moab the weekend of Aug. 22-25 to help monitor the group, which is expected to include anywhere from 300 to 1,000 motorcyclists. “Law enforcement activities will be beefed up,” Nyland said. “We should be well organized without any problem at all.” Capt. Mike Forshee of the Utah County Sheriff’s Dept often monitors motorcycle club rallies like this one. He said the Bandidos bring their own security personnel to keep track of group members & make sure no one bothers them. “I’m not too much concerned about what they’re going to do. They pride themselves in taking care of their own business,” Forshee said. “A lot of the problems we see are related to disagreements between their club & someone else’s club.” But Forshee said he, too, worries about local reactions to Bandidos members. “Sheriff Nyland is planning early, basically to facilitate [the Bandidos] coming & leaving. We just like to make sure that all laws are kept, on both sides,” Forshee said. He said there is no reason for the community to be alarmed. Nyland has been working with Forshee & with the sheriff’s office in Coconino County, where the club held its annual business meeting last year. Reports from the Coconino Sheriff’s office indicated no major disruptions or problems, according to both Nyland & Forshee. “It will be well organized at our end,” Nyland said. “I don’t want to alarm the community, just inform them so there will be no surprises.” Members of the Bandidos club, which is based in Texas, could not be reached for comment. The Bandidos, whose logo is a caricature of a chubby, armed Mexican bandit, most recently made headlines in 2007 when 4 Bandidos members were beaten & stabbed in Eureka Springs, Ark. by members of a rival Hell’s Angels motorcycle club. According to news reports, the likely motive for the incident was related to a territory dispute. During the club’s annual business meeting members make plans & policy for the next year. The meeting takes place each year following the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota, which draws thousands of motorcyclists each year, Forshee said. Navarre said he is convinced there will be no trouble. He & Nyland have been planning for the Bandidos arrival for several months & both feel they are well-prepared to accommodate the visitors without any trouble. Navarre said business people ask him if they should be armed or take special precautions when they take their nightly deposits to the bank. “No,” is his answer. “The club does not indulge in threats to the public.” But, he added, anyone going to the bank who feels the need can call the police Dept & an escort will be provided.

Security Increased for North Valley Biker Rally – July 10, 2008 – *California*- By Sara Sandrik; KFSN - Merced County Sheriff’s deputies, Los Banos police, & Highway Patrol officers will be enforcing a zero tolerance policy at the biker rally that starts tomorrow in Los Banos. They say recent clashes between 2 motorcycle gangs have given them a reason to be concerned. Deputy Shukri/Merced County Gang Task Force: “It lasted a good hour, 2 hours during the investigation. And of course, they’re always uncooperative with law enforcement. They dislike law enforcement. They have their own agenda & their own rules & that’s what they abide by.” Authorities believe the attack was in retaliation for a fistfight at the Los Banos Fairgrounds 2 months earlier. Now officers want to make sure there won’t be more trouble at the biker rally that’s being held there this weekend.

Cher to Marry Hells Angel Toy Boy - July 10 2008 – *Nevada* - By Adam Nutburn - Cher is set to marry a man 26 years her junior. The ‘Gypsies, Tramps & Thieves’ hitmaker, 62, is said to be planning to wed Hells Angel Tim Medvetz, 38, in Las Vegas later this year. However, Cher - who has a residency at Caesar’s Palace which alternates with Bette Midler’s Vegas show -- has already been forced to deny reports she & Medvetz had already tied the knot. Liz Rosenberg recently said, “She isn’t even in Vegas at the moment. Cher promised me if she ever got married again, I could be the flower girl.” The superstar has reportedly made Medvetz sign a pre-nup to protect her \$600m fortune before she embarks on her 3rd marriage. The Oscar winner has been married twice before -- 1st in 1964 to Sonny Bono, & again in 1975 to The Allman Brothers’ Gregg Allman. She has also dated Tom Cruise, Ricky Martin & Warren Beatty. Cher recently told how she is looking for a man to make her do “stupid things.” “Men just fall in your lap; you stub your toe on them. It just happens. I’m looking for someone who can make me laugh, who I think is cute & that still wants to go & do stupid things,” she said.

Female inmates doing time on fire lines – July 10, 2008 – *California* - By Tracy Violet - Tracey Johnson wields a chain saw, tosses branches & rakes brush under the punishing sun & a heavy pack as smoke from a raging wildfire looms over the mountains nearby. It’s grueling work, but it beats staring at the 4 walls of a prison cell. “You have a taste of freedom,” declared Johnson, who said she’s serving 5 years for possessing, selling & transporting cocaine. “And you get respect.” Johnson is one of 28 female convicts working the front lines of the nine-day-old wildfire roaring through Los Padres Nat’l Forest in Southern California’s Santa Barbara County. They’re part of the CA Dept of Corrections & Rehabilitation’s conservation camp program in which 4,500 nonviolent inmates are trained to fight wildfires & do forestry work on public lands. About 350 are women. Wildfire-plagued states such as California & Arizona have long tapped minimum-security prisoners as firefighting labor during the intense summer fire season. Arizona also has a female inmate crew. “They work exceptionally hard,” said Capt. Mark Seim of the California Dept of Forestry & Fire Protection. “The benefit to the state is just huge in terms of the man hours provided.” The state has even hired some former inmates, both male & female, he said. The women do the same work as their male counterparts, & while they’re not as strong or fast, they’re more precise, said Lt. Angela R. Alexander, supervisor of the Goleta fire crew.

FISA: Bush signed, we sued – July 11, 2008 – *ACLU* - Yesterday, Pres Bush signed an unconstitutional domestic wiretapping bill & one hour later, ACLU lawyers filed a landmark lawsuit to challenge its constitutionality. The fight over FISA now moves from Congress to the courts. And we need you to stand with us as we fight for freedom & the Constitution. Support the ACLU’s lawsuit to challenge this law as well as other crucial efforts to defend freedom by becoming an ACLU monthly donor.

Handicapped Parking Abuse. Ever watch as someone with a handicapped license plate or window tag, pulls into a handicapped parking spot & hustles into the store with about as much a handicap as an Olympic sprinter & comes out easily carrying heavy packages. If the handicapped person is not in the vehicle why are they taking a spot that a truly handicapped or disabled person might need? Laziness? Greed? Stupidity? Family members with no problems, seem to be the worse abuser of the privilege. Mental handicaps like laziness & stupidity are not approved for handicapped parking.

Safe & Sober patrols to focus on motorcycles - July 11, 2008 – *Willmar, Minnesota* - West Central Tribune - In an effort to curb motorcycle impaired driving crashes; LEOs participating in the July Safe & Sober campaign against impaired drivers will focus some shifts on motorcycle riders during the next few weekends. Of course, they'll watch everyone, but officers from the Willmar, Benson & Atwater police Depts & deputies with the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office will specifically look for the signs of motorcycle riders who are impaired by alcohol or other drugs. Safety for motorcyclists has become even more of a concern as the number of registered motorcycles in Minnesota is already at an all-time high, & more people are considering riding motorcycles as gas prices increase, according to a news release from the agencies. After a 15-year decline, motorcycle fatalities in MN have increased significantly during recent years. One of every 35 motorcycles is involved in a crash each year - with one in 1,200 being a fatal crash. Over half (58%) of fatal motorcycle crashes happen on weekends. Men account for 82% of motorcyclists killed or injured. While many 2-vehicle motorcycle crashes are the fault of a 4-wheeled vehicle driver's failure to yield or inattention, single-motorcycle fatalities are a different story. In single-motorcycle crashes the most-frequently noted causative factors are excessive speed, rider inexperience, & impaired driving. In 2006, 41% of the motorcycle operators who died in single-vehicle crashes had an alcohol concentration over .08. Riders aged 30 to 49 killed in crashes have the highest rate of alcohol involvement. A number of these individuals recently returned to riding after a number of years without a motorcycle & have rider inexperience as another factor.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation – July 11, 2008 – *USA* – From Jeff Hennie, *MRF* VP of Gov't Relations - Senator Letourneau To Represent MRF at Congressional Hearing... The MRF reports that a hearing will be held by the United States House of Representatives Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure. It will be conducted in the Subcommittee on Highways & Transit. Congressman Peter DeFazio of Oregon - who is a good friend of motorcyclists - chairs that sub-committee. The title of the hearing is, "Improving Highway Safety Assessing the Effectiveness of NHTSA's Highway Safety Programs." At issue will be the rising number of motorcycle fatalities. The hearing will be held at 10AM on July 16th in room 2167 of the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington DC. Panelists will include the Advocates for Highway Safety, a group funded almost exclusively by big insurance companies. As a wing of the insurance industry, they are always trying to increase their profits under the guise of safety. It's a thinly veiled attempt to save insurance providers from having to pay out on a claim. Less fatalities on the highways is certainly a good thing, however, the insurance companies don't want to save lives as much as they want to save money. The MRF was contacted by the subcommittee to provide a witness who could speak to motorcycle safety from another point of view. The committee staff requested that Washington based lobbyists not testify at the hearing - thus excluding MRF VP of Gov't Relations Jeff Hennie from direct participation. The MRF is proud to say that New Hampshire State Senator Robert Letourneau will be representing the motorcyclists on the panel. Senator Letourneau is a member of the state Motorcycle Rider Education Advisory Board & the Governor's Motorcycle Safety Task Force. Letourneau is Chairman of the N.H. Civil War Memorial Commission as well as a motorcyclist for the past 41 years. Letourneau also recently completed an experienced rider education course so he practices what he preaches. Senator Letourneau is known in the motorcycling world as "Radio Bob" & is a stalwart of the rights movement.

The American Biker - *a long, twisted road* – July 11, 2008 – *California* - By Curtis Cartier - If the "American Biker" was born in 1947 in downtown Hollister, this 61-year-old chrome-chewing, rubber-burning, hell-raising wild child could start collecting social security money soon. But as any real biker will tell you - he'd probably spend it all on his motorcycle anyway. And this weekend, when thousands of choppers & hogs descend upon the town for the Hollister Motorcycle Rally, bikers young & old will undoubtedly take a look back at the long, twisted road they've ridden down to get here. "Being a biker is more than just owning a motorcycle," said 46-year biker veteran Marlon Moss, of Hollister. "It's a way of life." The life of the American Biker has been an epic drama. A bug-splattered side mirror's reflection of the decades as they ripped by, then faded into the highway's horizon. Not so much born - more shot out of an oily cannon into a perfect wheelie, the American Biker roared onto the dusty streets of Downtown Hollister on July 4, 1947. The weekend's famed "incident" involving widespread drinking, motorcycle racing & various combinations thereof was coined a "riot" by media sources. Soon, the fear of roving bands of greasy biker thugs invading a town & breeding anarchy was instilled in the masses. Marlon Brando as "Johnny" in the 1953 film "The Wild One" was inspired by the Hollister "invasion" & remains the most venerated showcase of biker culture to most motorcycle enthusiasts. Through the 60s & 70s the motorcycle & its rider was looked at as a form of rebellion against the 9-to-5 world. The social upheaval of the times proved fertile soil to grow the kind of adrenaline-chasing, hard-drinking, never-say-die speed demon that should never be given a motorcycle. "In the 60s & the 70s the majority of major riders were a hard-core group," Moss said. "You had people who lived the life to an extreme & didn't worry about anything else." "Big John" is hard-core. For 46 years, he's cruised Harleys down countless stretches of highways. A member of the Twisted Souls MC, the bald, tall & bulky man bellied up to the Whiskey Creek Saloon & talked about his 1997 Harley Heritage Springer like it was his oldest, truest friend. "The thing about a Harley is it will come between you & your wife or girlfriend," he said. Big John said his "brothers" in the Twisted Souls are like family & that, in the end, the motorcycle is only half of what makes a biker - the other half are the people he chooses to ride with. "Most people don't live the lifestyle every day," he said. "They just live it on the weekends. It's really all about just getting a group of people together & doing something. The camaraderie that forms is incredible." Through the 80s, motorcycle clubs like the Hells Angels & Outlaws continued to inspire the image of the rebellious biker. The term "one percenters" was used by the outlaws to describe themselves as the fanatical fringe of the motorcycle community. But by the 90s, the biker began to merge into the mainstream lane & soon, dads who had dreamed of riding a steel horse & moms who had always looked good in leather were buying bikes, joining clubs & riding on the weekends or between their kids' soccer practice & math tutor sessions. "Today you have doctors, lawyers, teachers. Everyone's getting a bike," said Benito Mendoza, owner of Thunder Road Motorcycles on Fourth Street. "You get these weekend warriors who you never would recognize on the street without their bike." Still, one word permeates through nearly every barroom rant or garage speech given by the modern biker - freedom. "It's about freedom," Moss said. "The freedom to leave all your troubles at home, climb on your bike & feel the wind in your face. The freedom to not only see the surroundings but to feel the wind & smell the air - to really experience the road. Like any form of recreation, it's an escape."

Taxation with representation ain't so hot either. - Gerald Barzan

Langley expects Hells Angels to be 'law-abiding' – July 11, 2008 - *Canada* - By Stuart Hunter - RCMP to beef up ranks for bikers' party July 25-26. Hundreds of Hells Angels are poised to descend on suburban Langley to celebrate the motorcycle club's 25th anniversary. We're not concerned [about potential trouble] because our expectation is their conduct will be law-abiding.

Cluney appeals conviction – July 11, 2008 – *Canada* - Regina SNN - A man convicted of murder in the death of a contract killer while they were inmates at the Saskatchewan Penitentiary is appealing. Christopher Robert Cluney filed an application with the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal on Thursday in which he seeks to overturn his conviction, or at the very least reduce his sentence. "The decision of the learned trial justice was contrary to the law, the evidence & the weight of the evidence," contends a notice of appeal. Cluney, 33, was found guilty last month of second-degree murder in the death of Aime Simard. The 35-year-old victim died July 18, 2003, after suffering close to 200 stab wounds while inside his cell at the Prince Albert prison. Simard was serving a life sentence for killing 3 people while affiliated with the Rockers, a Quebec biker gang which acted for the Hells Angels. Simard had co-operated with authorities, provided evidence against others involved & was due to testify at the time of his death. Another inmate, Alvin Vern Starblanket, earlier pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in Simard's death & was sentenced to life without parole eligibility for 13 years. He maintained he acted alone. But Justice Ron Mills, who heard Cluney's trial without a jury, concluded Cluney held Simard while Starblanket stabbed him. The weapon was fashioned from the metal wire used in a dreamcatcher decoration. Mills sentenced Cluney to life without parole eligibility for 11 years.

Meth lab case still has area fugitives on the run – July 12, 2008 – *Indiana* - A 65 count Fed indictment has led to the arrest of 34 individuals charged with allegedly conspiring to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine from Jan, 2004 through June, 2008. The indictment also charges conspiracy to distribute 100 kilograms of marijuana from Nov, 2006 to June, 2008. During the execution of 5 search warrants in Porter & Jasper Counties, 3 small toxic meth labs were discovered & dismantled. In addition to the meth labs, over 45 firearms & over 5,000 rounds of ammunition, & Invader MC paraphernalia were also seized. Most of the defendants were arrested over the past several days in the Northern District of Indiana, Missouri & Colorado, & have already made their initial appearances before a US Magistrate Judge in Hammond. Meth is a highly addictive drug with potent central nervous system stimulant properties, & is 2nd only to alcohol & marijuana as the drug used most frequently in many Western & Midwestern states. The specific dangers faced by people who live at or visit drug-production sites or are present during drug production include inhalation, absorption, or ingestion of toxic chemicals, drugs, or contaminated foods or drink that may result in respiratory difficulties, nausea, chest pain, eye & tissue irritation, chemical burns, & death. Fires & explosions often result from the dangerous meth production processes. "The discovery & takedown of these meth labs is serious business," stated Gary Olenkiewicz, Spec Agent in Charge of the DEA Chicago Field Division. "The dangerous & toxic chemicals used to produce meth put the environment & our communities at risk. The cooperative law enforcement efforts during this investigation has made Northern Indiana a safer place." The 65 count indictment also alleges 1 count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2 counts of maintaining a place for the purpose of manufacturing meth, multiple counts of distribution of, & possession with the intent to

distribute meth, marijuana & numerous related narcotics counts. Three individuals are still at large...

Nev. ACLU backs right to bear arms - July 12, 2008- *Carson City, Nevada* – AP - The American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada has declared its support for an individual's right to bear arms, apparently making it the first state affiliate to buck the national ACLU's position on the 2nd Amendment. The state board of directors reached the decision following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that the 2nd Amendment protects the rights of individuals to own handguns. The national ACLU disagrees with the Supreme Court ruling but allows affiliates to take different positions. A Nat'l ACLU spokeswoman said she was unaware of any other affiliate that had taken a differing position on the 2nd Amendment.

Festival is cancelled – July 12, 2008 – *United Kingdom* - Organizers have lost their fight to hold a 25th anniversary music festival in Derbyshire amid fears of violence between rival bikers. One Percent Entertainments hoped to hold the Rock & Blues Custom Show at Coney Grey Showground, in Pentrich, after withdrawing an earlier application for South Derbyshire when police raised fears of a retaliation attack following the murder of a Hells Angel last year. Police also objected to the Pentrich event, fearing a clash between Hells Angels bikers & their rivals the Outlaws Motorcycle Club. Amber Valley Borough Council's licensing committee has now thrown out the application. Simon Covell, managing director of One Percent Entertainments, said: "The event this year has been cancelled because we cannot run it without a licence. We are gutted. It could be the end of an era."

Rock & Blues Custom Show – July 12, 2008 – *United Kingdom* - As of 2 pm today the 11th July 2008 due to objections again by the Derbyshire Constabulary, the licensing committee of the Amber Valley Borough District Council have refused to grant a License for this year's Rock & Blues Custom Show to take place. So it is with regret that after so much hard work, time & commitment which has been put into this year's event by the RBCS 25 team that we announce the 25th Anniversary show will no longer be taking place as advertised. We would like to use this moment to thank everyone involved in the background at RBCS HQ & everyone beyond who has got us this far, your professionalism has been second to none.

Vietnam vets ride for fellow soldiers - July 12, 2008 - *Medford, Oregon* - By Jade Whyne - Engines were roaring on the streets today for the First Annual Veterans Tribute Ride. In Country Vietnam MC put on the fundraiser. The 13-mile ride began at the VA-Dom in White City & ended at D & S Harley Davidson in Phoenix. Over a hundred motorcycles took part in the ride. Live music, food & friends kept the riders busy, along with a raffle. Club members represent & support all Oregon veterans in the Rogue Valley. All proceeds will go to Oregon veterans. The club currently has 16 members & they are always looking for more. To qualify you must be a Vietnam War combat vet.

Staying Fit When You Are Over 50: Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room on each side. With a 5-lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides & hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, & then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato sacks. Then try 50-lb potato sacks & then eventually try to get where you can lift a 100-lb potato sack in each hand & hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.) After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks.

Too Many Police Officers – July 13, 2008 – *California* - Dozens of police officers from several Merced County agencies, such as Los Banos Police & Merced Sheriff's Dept, are patrolling the Los Banos Motorcycle Rally this weekend, making sure residents stay safe. But some patrons have complained there are too many officers, almost outnumbering the visitors at the weekend event. Clark Kenny, the owner of Big Bubba's Barbecue, is one of them. He said he's sold a fraction of food that he thought he'd use. Kenny was told to expect about 40,000 people but he says there's one reason why only about a thousand have shown up. "There's an over abundance of deputies outside & inside the event, it's a deterrent to be honest with you," said Kenny. Even Sergeant Jason Goins from the Merced County Sheriff's Dept admitted the 30 officers patrolling the event Sat morning were about 2 dozen too many. "But we want to make sure everything goes smoothly & everybody's safe." Goins said there's a good reason for the extra law enforcement at the rally. Authorities said just last month, 2 motorcycle gangs got into a fight at Los Banos' Pacheco Park. Officials said several gun shots were heard, & one man was stabbed. Goins said it's better to be safe than sorry, because in light of recent events, it just didn't make sense to have just a few officers acting as security. But vendors like Kenny, who are out thousands of dollars this weekend, said fewer officers might have made the difference between a profit & a loss. "If I were a biker coming into it, I would be a little intimidated. As a business owner I took a loss for sure," said Kenny. According to authorities, only 1 of the 2 MCs that were involved in last month's fight came out to the rally this weekend, & they didn't stay very long. As of Sat night there have been no arrests at the rally.

Free Rider's Kids Day event – July 13, 2008 – *South Carolina* - By Suzanne R. Stone - The Free Riders MC of Aiken is looking for a few helping hands for its annual summer charity event for children in need. The group is planning its annual Kids Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat, Aug. 16, at Perry Park & is looking for donations of school supplies for the event. The Free Riders distributed free school supplies to more than 100 children at last year's Kids Day, according to the club's business manager Linda Taylor-Cummings. "Last year we did it, & there was an overwhelming response. Some families have more than one child, & that means you have a lot of school supplies you have to purchase at the beginning of the school year; & we do this to defray the cost of that for parents in need," said Taylor-Cummings. "We believe it's going to be especially beneficial to parents this year because of the higher costs of gas & food." Among the school supplies the club is seeking are binders, book bags, notebook paper, calculators, colored pencils, crayons, graph paper, pencils & pencil sharpeners, pens, markers, highlighters, composition books & spiral notebooks, erasers, dividers, three-hole punchers & reinforcing rings, folders, glue & glue sticks, index cards, tissues, paper towels & hand sanitizer. The Free Riders are also asking for donations of food items such as hot dogs, buns & soft drinks to serve as refreshments during the Kids Day festivities.

Bikers Reach Their Alaska Destination – July 13, 2008 – *Connecticut* - By Michael Naughton - They rode more than 5,000 miles in 14 straight days, but the Long Riders made it. The group of 5 men from the New London MC reached Fairbanks, Alaska, Friday afternoon, accomplishing the mission displayed on signs on the back of their Harleys: "Alaska or Bust." "When we got to that Alaska (welcome) sign, it was a good feeling," said Evert Gawendo, one of the riders. "It was a great sense of accomplishment." Tom Lloret, his brother Mark & 3 other friends - Gawendo & brothers Pete & Joe Lodi - embarked on the

6-week, nearly 12,000-mile motorcycle journey on June 28, departing from the Shack Restaurant in East Lyme & heading toward the 49th state. For the past 2 weeks, the men said they encountered minor perils & unparalleled scenery across Canada & up the Yukon Territory. One of the group's biggest problems early on was Tom Lloret's malfunctioning motorcycle. Finally the men were able to fix the main problem - a faulty spark plug. The group also ran into some trouble when a crash stopped traffic for hours on the Trans Canadian Highway. They decided to try to get around the traffic jam on a side road that turned out to be sandier than they thought & had to push the bikes out & back onto solid ground. Besides scenery, one of the highlights of the trip was being able to celebrate the 4th of July while taking in the Calgary Stampede, a rodeo, concert & carnival. For some, it was their first time celebrating Independence Day outside the United States. Organizers of the event played the U.S. national anthem. "It was nice to be an American in that crowd & have them acknowledge us," Gawendo said. "Canadians are very friendly, very helpful." The men plan to spend the next 14 days in Alaska before heading back home. "It's just been a great trip," Gawendo said.

Biker concert crowd sparse – July 14, 2008 – *California* - By Jose San Mateo - A local entertainment promoter says a swarming police presence on Main Street in Salinas nearly snuffed attendance at his biker rock concert on Sat. But police say they were only doing their job in anticipation of hordes of motorcyclists who might have showed up. The Salinas Police Dept shut down the 200 block of Main Street at noon Saturday & parked a SWAT van at its entrance in preparation for crowd control for what they thought was going to be a huge turnout to see The Fryed Brothers Band play at the Fox Theater. But when the Fox opened its doors at 6 p.m., the only ones riding through Main Street were 4 officers on horseback. Even police Chief Daniel Ortega was dressed in his blues for the occasion. "We did not have a very good turnout," said Tony Perez, a promoter of the concert. "There were 150 people in a venue that holds about 1,000. Personally, I think it's due to the police." A total of 70 police officers - 12 inside the Fox as required by the alcohol permit - were assigned to the event. The Fryed Brothers perform at motorcycle rallies across the United States. Their Salinas show featured a guest appearance from Hell's Angels founder Sonny Barger, who brought an entourage. But there were no reports of trouble. Salinas Police Cmdr. Bob Eggers said Sunday that police didn't have any expectations for the event or its turnout - they just wanted to be prepared. There were no arrests or scuffles with police during the event, Eggers said. Emcee Lompico Lyle said police presence is normal for Barger but not the Fryed Brothers Band. "It's a training exercise at our expense," he said. Yolanda Martinez & her husband, Tony, have lived in Salinas for 40 years. She said they went to Oldtown for a walk & weren't expecting to see so many officers. "Maybe it's a little too much," she said. Ron Lajocies, president of San Jose chapter of the Ghost Mountain Riders, stood outside the Fox after the show. He said he enjoyed the music & it was peaceful inside. "I'm not going to hit the bars tonight," he said. "Too much security."

There's no way to rule innocent men. The only power Gov't has is the power to crack down on criminals. When there aren't enough criminals, one makes them. One declares so many things to be a crime that it becomes impossible for men to live without breaking laws. - Ayn Rand, from the novel Atlas Shrugged

The more I learn about people & society the more I love guns & explosives. Guns & explosives are more understandable, more predictable, & less hazardous. - Joe Huffman

Night club raid nets 3 arrests – July 14, 2008 - *North Carolina* -

By Jannette Pippin - Newport police, along with 20 other officers from Jacksonville, New Bern Havelock, Morehead City, N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement & Highway Patrol, executed a search warrant at Vic's Place, located at the inter-section of Roberts Road & East Chatham Street. Newport Police Chief Jeff Clark said there's been ongoing criminal activity leading up to the raid. Since May 10, police have responded to more than 18 calls at the club, he said. "From the 1st week this club opened the police dept has been receiving complaints that range from under-age (alcohol) consumption, fights, loud noise, drunk & disruptive patrons, & illegal drug sales," Clark said via a news release about the raid. "On 2 occasions, officers have responded to this club due to patrons being physically threatened with firearms." Officers raided the club around 10:45 p.m. & seized more than 30 grams of marijuana, 4.6 grams of Percocet pills, more than \$2,200 in cash & a .357 magnum revolver. During the search, several people were arrested for violations observed by the officers. Floyd Sanders, 45, of Gloucester was charged with carrying a concealed weapon into the club. Sanders claimed to be Pres of the Untamed Rebels, an outlaw MC with known local chapters in Craven & Onslow counties, Clark said. According to police, several other members of the Untamed Rebels were in the club as well, wearing club patches & colors.

2008 biker rally: It matters what kind of people – July 14, 2008 –

California- By Curtis Cartier - Visitors who come to Hollister this week probably would never know that tens of thousands of motorcycle enthusiasts were packed elbow to elbow up & down San Benito Street over the weekend for the Hollister Motorcycle Rally. For 3 days, the roar of engines mixed with the sound of rock & the smell of barbecue as downtown Hollister was turned into a motorcycle Mecca. "I love the smell of bike exhaust in the morning!" said Alan Logan, who drove his 2006 H-D VRSC from Oakland to get to the show. Stretching along San Benito Street to 4th streets & spilling out onto Monterey & East streets, the rally featured hot food, cold beer, live entertainment & custom motorcycles. Bands like the Mofo Party Band & Just Cream kept the audience grooving & events like the Merchant Poker Walk & Bike Blessing broke up the pace of the weekend. Shows such as the High Rollers "Wall of Death" dropped jaws when daredevils rode horizontally around the walls of a massive barrel. Aside from the events, motorcycle-themed merchandise took center stage with booth after booth selling T-shirts, leather jackets, silver jewelry & faded blue jeans. Holding shopping bags bursting with denim & leather, Julie Hernandez of Aromas said her husband turned her onto the biker culture. "Lets see, I got a couple new T-shirts for the kids & this little leather vest," Hernandez said, holding up a leather corset-style vest. "I look good in leather, what can say?" Event organizer Seth Doulton of Horse Power Promotions called the rally a "success" & although he did not have attendance estimates or T-shirt sales information calculated Monday morning, he said he thought the show would be more profitable than last year's. "From a business perspective, it doesn't matter how many people are there. It matters what kind of people are there," Doulton said. "After talking with a lot of vendors, they said they did pretty well this year." Some of the more notorious motorcycle clubs were at the event including the Hells Angels & the Banditos. Sonny Barger, the Hells Angels celebrated former leader, was on hand again this year for a book signing. "I think they lost a key day by putting the rally this Friday," Barger said, his voice harsh from a laryngectomy surgery. "It's a great event for the city, even if they try to drive it out. But everything is about merchandise these days." When asked if being a biker has changed in 40 years he's been riding,

Barger said, "I wouldn't know - I'm a Hells Angel." Law Enforcement of every acronym was on hand for the rally including the FBI, California Dept of Justice & the DEA. Heavily armed & usually traveling in large groups, the officers & agents kept watch over a relatively peaceful crowd. Locals Jim Pleyte & Will Sutton were on the streets Sat & said although the rally is not as rough-and-tumble as it once was, it's still a great time. "The rally is more organized & less dynamic than when they used to ride the bikes through town," Pleyte said. "It's a great event for Hollister. It puts us on the map." Sutton said the rally gives Hollister a way to stand out from the crowd. "The rally proves Hollister is not a beach in So-Cal," Sutton said. People traveled from all over the United States to come to the rally. Darrell Hinde & 3 companions rode 500 miles from Las Vegas to get to the festival. "I've been coming to the rally for the last 3 or 4 years," Hinde said. "The riding is great. I'll come here, spend a few bucks, have a good time, then hit the road." Monday morning after the event, all that remained were a few tents & some scattered road cones. For city officials, all that's left was to count up the cash from merchandise sales & hope to turn a profit. "I think they'll do all right," Doulton said. "I think we're on par with last year."

Building A Motorcycle "In The Dark" – July 14, 2008 – *South*

Dakota – By Kent Erdahl - There were all kinds of motorcycles to behold at the 13th annual Hot Harley nights during the weekend, but one bike stood out for it's small size & amazing builder. Paul Miller of Sioux Falls came up with the idea to build a mini-chopper 3 years, but just 6 months into the process he began going blind as a complication from his diabetes. Miller is now legally blind but has nearly finished the bike with some help from his dad. Though he lost his sight, paul says there are several reasons why he never lost his focus. "You know you've just got to have that attitude & get through your stuff & have faith & hope," Miller says. "That & being board a lot, so I had to get out & do something." Miller says he plans to continue showing off the bike while he completes the finishing touches. He's already picked out a name for it, he calls the bike "In The Dark."

Local Bar Sues Local Church: In a small Texas town, a new bar/tavern started a building to open up their business. The local Baptist church started a campaign of petitions & prayers to block the bar from opening. Work progressed, however right up till the week before opening, when a lightning strike hit the bar & it burned to the ground. The church folks were rather smug in their outlook after that, till the bar owner sued the church on the grounds that the church was ultimately responsible for the demise of his building, either through direct or indirect actions or means. The church vehemently denied all responsibility or any connection to the building's demise in its reply to the court. As the case made its way into court, the judge looked over the paperwork. At the hearing he commented, 'I don't know how I'm going to decide this, but as it appears from the paperwork, we have a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer, & an entire church congregation that doesn't.

The king was told that the enemy was coming but he had plenty of time to prepare. He denied it. Much later he was told the enemy is closer & they still had time to arm themselves, but he said he didn't believe it. They enemy overran his castle & killed him. His final words were, "I didn't think they were serious."

I consider trial by jury as the only anchor yet imagined by man, by which a Gov't can be held to the principles of its constitution.
- Thomas Jefferson

Ogden chapter members say – July 14, 2008 - *Utah* - By Sam Cooper - *Who are the Vagos?* Is Ogden's self-proclaimed "outlaw mc of 2008" a "bunch of clowns" who just "like riding motorcycles & hanging out," as they say? Or are they a local chapter of a national criminal gang, loosely allied with the Mongols MC that staged a deadly battle with Hell's Angels in a Nevada casino 6 years ago? The latter is what police say as they keep a wary eye on the club, fearing a clash with another local biker club, the Sundowners. Between 40 & 50 tattooed & bearded middle-aged bikers crowded into the Vagos' clubhouse near 27th St on Wall Ave, celebrating the 1st anniversary of the club arrival in Ogden. Chapter Pres KC & sergeant-at-arms, Super-D agreed to step downstairs for an interview. They declined to provide their real names or any specific details about the organization, citing privacy reasons. KC led the way through the newly remodeled brick bungalow, nicely decorated with a bar & a pool table. A screen on the wall flashed images from the numerous surveillance cameras positioned around the building. Outside, a long row of American-made motorcycles ran along the side of the building, gleaming in the sun. A green neon sign buzzed Vagos in the window. The heavy-set, white-bearded Pres acknowledged a few visitors from other motorcycle clubs as he eyes the crowd. "The thing people don't understand is we're just about motorcycling," he said. "There's not much difference from any other club guys join, like the Moose, or whatever." The Vagos' local clubhouse is one of only a handful in the country, said Police Lt. Loring Draper, an expert on motorcycle gangs. Other clubhouses can be found scattered up & down the West Coast. Police believe there are somewhere between 700 & 800 Vagos members nationwide. The club was founded in the mid-1960s in San Bernardino, CA. Originally called Los Vagabundos, the name was shortened to Vagos when the organization broke away from the American Motorcycle Association. **The worry:** Nationwide, outlaw MCs have been linked to a variety of crimes, including murder, drug distribution, arson, money laundering, weapons trafficking, motorcycle thefts, rape & prostitution, Draper said. The term outlaw motorcycle club originates from a statement issued by the AMA following a violent 1947 incident in the California town of Hollister, which was later made into the film "The Wild One," starring Marlon Brando. Ninety-nine percent of motorcyclists are law-abiding citizens, the AMA said, while the other 1 percent are outlaws. Since then, the term 1 percenter has become a hallmark of the most violent bikers & is worn proudly on some club jackets. The Vagos, though an outlaw motorcycle club, are not One percenters, KC said. "We've never wanted to go in that direction." It's unclear how large the Ogden chapter has grown in a year -- KC declined to answer questions about membership numbers -- but police said it began with 6 members & has been actively recruiting across the Top of Utah. KC said he decided to start a chapter in Ogden after he received a job transfer. Police said he used to operate a chapter in Reno, Nev. Draper said members are often confrontational with police & required to carry guns. "They are nasty, nasty folks," he said. **Stereotyped?** But Vagos disagree, claiming pop culture stereotypes fed by movies & television have them pigeonholed with the big bad biker reputation. "Look at our track record. There's been zero conflict up here, none," KC said. "We don't do any of the business that would traditionally be associated with an outlaw motorcycle club." Since the Vagos moved into Ogden, not one has been convicted or charged with a major crime. Police lump all motorcycle clubs into one category & don't bother to differentiate between the crooks & the enthusiasts, KC said. "In absence of criminal behavior, why treat me like a criminal? All any member of this club asks is to be treated like any other citizen until we act differently than any other citizen," he said. The club, he says, is

simply about going on long motorcycle rides, camaraderie & having fun. "We hang out, ride bikes, & go to different gatherings of guys like us," KC said. "Places like Southern California, Las Vegas -- there are chapters there. If it's a 1,000-mile turnaround we do 500 miles one day & 500 miles the next. And we have a good time while we're there." KC claimed the new chapter is a positive force in part of Ogden. Drugs are prohibited & most of the members don't drink alcohol. The Wall Avenue home-turned-clubhouse used to be a rat-infested dump, he said. But members put in 3 months of hard work & now it's one of the nicer homes in the area. "We may not look like it, but we're friendly, decent to our neighbors, & friendly, decent to those that come around," he said. "We don't cause problems." "We all work 9-to-5 jobs," Super-D said. "I own a house. I've had the same job for 10 years. I'm a dad. It's hard when you get pulled over for little things when all the good things you do are ignored." KC said he hopes that the club will be accepted by the community. Last Christmas members participated in a charity ride that gathered toys for special needs kids. "We've got thank-you letters hanging all over our walls from them," KC said. "One of our members has a special needs kid. We're family just like anyone else. That stuff matters to us." But police said they're not falling for the old biker turned soft ploy. When interviewed by the media, members of biker gangs often make the claim they're law-abiding citizens, Draper said. It helps them if they're ever arrested if they can point to a newspaper article touting their volunteer work -- but it's just a front. "A lot of them are married. They have families. They have jobs. But they're also a major criminal element in our society," Draper said. They may appear to be nice people, he said, but when the group or gang mentality take over, they're capable of incredible violence. The Vagos have a long & history of crime & members are known to peddle drugs -- especially methamphetamine, he said. **Investigations:** KC acknowledges there have been some high-profile investigations into the Vagos in California, but most of the charges brought against members have failed to result in convictions, & weapons & motorcycles seized by police in raids have, in the end, been returned, he said. "Yeah, like any large organization there are guys that make mistakes. But by in large, most of the guys in this club are the most honorable guys I've met in my life," he said. "What the hell is wrong with freedom? That's what it's all about." -- Billy -- Easy Rider. (1969) For decades motorcycle clubs have been a haven for refugees from mainstream American society. In the 1950s, many soldiers returning from service in World War II couldn't settle back into place, but banded together to create a vibrant, & at times incredibly violent, motorcycle counterculture. Even today, biker culture is centered around reinforcing that iconoclastic image, Draper said. Bikers are known for bad hygiene, wearing dirty or ripped clothing & brash behavior. It's their way of opting out of normal society, Draper said. Although most of the Vagos work regular jobs, many in labor industries like construction, the same sentiment still defines & unites them - a point KC didn't rebuke. "People ask, 'Why do you chose to live like that?' And I answer, cause the alternative sucks," he said. KC said the club takes on a dominant role in each member's life, much like a surrogate family. "We want guys in our club that are willing to be a part of something more than a casual friendship, that's a brotherhood." **But strong loyalties come at a price.** If a club member is involved in a fight, it's not a question of right or wrong, but a question of standing up for the club & your brother, Draper said. Police say that mentality is part of what makes outlaw motorcycle clubs so dangerous. Disputes are often settled with violence & women can be regarded as little more than objects of pleasure. They're also used to transport contraband & weapons, Draper said. **The logo:** Members of motorcycle clubs

have traditionally been identified by their jackets, called "cuts" or "colors," which are adorned with patches. Vagos are identified by the color green & wear only 2 patches on the back of their jackets, as opposed to the traditional 3 patches used by most motorcycle clubs. Vagos use a center patch with a caricature of Loki, the Norse god of mischief, & a lower patch, called a "rocker," which identifies their home chapter. Members without a home chapter have the word nomad in place of a location on their rocker. Draper said nomads are often used to enforce discipline because they are mobile & hard for police to identify. Other patches on the front of the Vagos' jackets are in recognition of actions taken for the club, or stand for mottos, including one that reads "We give what we get," & another with the letters LVDV, which stands for "Live Vago, Die Vago," Draper said. They also have an upside down patch of the number 13, which signifies the thirteenth letter in the alphabet, m, & stands for marijuana. Since the patch is upside down on Vagos jackets, it means the club is drug-free, Draper said. Full members of a motorcycle club are allowed to display all the patches, while "prospects," or prospective members, & "hangarounds," individuals hoping to become prospects, are allowed to wear only some, or none at all. "Anyone that wears this jacket wears the entire reputation of this club in Utah on their back," KC said.

Being watched: Club jackets also make members an easy target for police, Super-D said. Members often are pulled over by police for "DWV" -- driving while Vago, he said. Draper said police pull the bikers over only when they violate traffic laws. In front of the clubhouse during the anniversary party, KC was quick to point out a white utility van parked across the street. He said it hadn't been there before & was most likely a police surveillance unit. It's easy to spot police watching him & the club, he said. "We think it's funny. They watch us paint our house, cut our lawn. We think it's pretty amusing because they're watching some guys that hang out & ride motorcycles together," KC said. "In the year we've been here, they must have 10,000 pictures of us in the gang unit." "These guys aren't as innocent as they say they are," Draper said. Extra attention from law enforcement may be part of the reason they've been lying low. Police fear the complex network of rivalries between biker gangs nationwide could easily embroil local clubs like the Vagos. An ongoing war between the Hell's Angels & the Mongols could erupt in violence, even in Ogden, Draper said. The Vagos support the Mongols, while another motorcycle club with an Ogden clubhouse, the Sundowners, are known to support the Hell's Angels. "They're (Vagos) doing a big push to get their numbers up so that when the time comes they want to have a war with the Hell's Angels. ... If something happens in California & they say they're going to war, all these guys are going to go. If these guys come into a problem, all of them are going to come here." **Fortress?** Farther down Wall Avenue, the Sundowners' clubhouse looks more like a fortress. A large wooden fence rings the property & upstairs windows are covered by wooden boards. Near the driveway a guard shack is strategically positioned with views of all roads leading toward the building. A surveillance camera monitors the padlocked front entrance. Draper said outlaw biker clubhouses are usually fortified because of the constant turmoil among clubs & the fear of a police raid. Last spring, Vagos from around the country held an organized ride through downtown Ogden as part of the chapter's coming-out party. At the same time, members of the Sundowners gathered at their clubhouse & went for a ride as well. But Draper said they were prepared in case their new rivals stopped by while they were gone. "They (Sundowners) left people at their clubhouse. They were actually walking guard duty. They had guns, they had shotguns & stuff," Draper said. Police say the posturing between the 2 clubs continued last May. While

the Vagos were celebrating their anniversary in Ogden, about 70 Sundowners gathered at their clubhouse as well, possibly in a show of force. "They (the Vagos) don't like the Sundowners. They'd just as soon take them over," Draper said. **Tenuous situation:** The situation could explode at any time, he said. "One of these times they're going to have a major issue with another club, or a couple of clubs." KC said he had heard that the Sundowners haven't wanted another club in town in the past, but times are changing. "We're fine with the Sundowners. We socialize with them. We've been invited to their clubhouse & they've been invited to ours. We're in a different world then we were in 30 years ago. All these clubs are getting less territorial & fussy ... We're not having those idiot rivalries we used to have." He challenged the police & the Standard-Examiner to keep an eye on the club. "You're going to see that in another year & a half still an absence of criminal activity & still no problems. We're going to continue being just a bunch of guys that love hanging out & riding motorcycles together."

Big crowd, but plenty of vroom – July 14, 2008 - *Wisconsin* - By Rick Barrett - Jeff Hale rode his Harley 420 miles through the night & the rain so that he could be the 1st to arrive Sat morning at the opening of the Harley-Davidson motorcycle museum. Hale, from northern Kentucky, rolled into Milwaukee shortly before 3 a.m. & slept until dawn in a food tent on the 20-acre museum site at W. Canal & S. 6th streets. "It was just me & the security guard," he said. Hale was among thousands of Harley enthusiasts who attended the museum's opening ceremony, which included a motorcycle "chain-cutting" with a torch rather than a traditional ribbon-cutting. There were showers of sparks everywhere, from fireworks, & geysers of water streaming from water cannons in the canal in front of the museum.

Magoo Update – July 14, 2008 – *North Dakota* – I just talked to him, via phone. He is doing ok... Arm still a problem... He did a couple of small tattoos, & he is out of practice... I think having his Left arm still not right is more than the out of practice. But I will be seeing him this weekend & give a better update.

U.S. 7th Circuit – July 14, 2008 - *Duckworth v. Ahmad*, No. 07-3618 - In a suit brought by an inmate under 42 U.S.C. section 1983 alleging that 2 doctors that treated him for gross hematuria were deliberately indifferent to his serious medical needs, summary judgment for defendants is affirmed where: 1) plaintiff failed to show that defendant knew that the hematuria involved an excessive risk of cancer; 2) defendant's decision to forgo a more aggressive treatment did not raise an inference of deliberate indifference; & 3) there was no evidence that one of the defendants knew of & disregarded the risk of cancer, even if he was aware that it was a possibility.

Will I live to see 80? Here's something to think about. I recently picked a new primary care doctor. After 2 visits & exhaustive Lab tests, he said I was doing 'fairly well' for my age. A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking him, 'Do you think I'll live to be 80?' He asked, 'Do you smoke tobacco, or drink beer or wine or liquor?' 'Oh no,' I replied. 'I'm not doing drugs, either!' Then he asked, 'Do you eat rib-eye steaks & barbecued ribs?' 'I said, 'No, my former doctor said that all red meat is very unhealthy!' 'Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf, sailing, hiking, bicycling, or playing softball?' 'No, I don't,' I said. He asked, 'Do you gamble, drive fast cars, ride motorcycles or have a lot of sex with women other than your wife?' 'No,' I said. He looked at me & said. 'Then, why do you even give a shit?

Police checkpoint for 2008 - July 14, 2008 – *New York* - research & interviews with the New York State Patrol & found out more about the Americade motorcycle checkpoints. *Two checkpoints were set up by State Police during the Americade rally - one on May 30 & one on June 6. Both were at the northbound rest area on I-87 near Exit 18 & each one lasted 6 hours, said Sgt. Daniel Larkin, who is motorcycle enforcement & education program coordinator for the State Police. Fewer cyclists passed through during the May 30 event, & all 125 motorcycles that came through were checked out to some degree, according to Larkin. Officers issued 15 violation tickets for unsafe, illegal helmets & another 20 tickets for other traffic violations, such as loud exhaust systems or driving without a motorcycle license. During the June 6 checkpoint, 90 people received tickets for wearing illegal helmets, & 15 tickets were written for other violations. Some 1,600 motorcycles rode through on that date, Larkin said. "It was such a high volume of traffic that we didn't inspect every motorcycle," he said. "We only signaled them over when we saw an actual violation."*

What should be disturbing to bikers is the way they talk about the checkpoint. In the article, they give the impression that the police were not being harassing because on the 2nd checkpoint day they did not stop all the motorcycles at the checkpoint. But if you look at the number of police that were assigned to the enforcement both days, you might get a different impression about it. *Approximately 15 State Police officers were assigned each time, & several officers from the Warren County Sheriff's Dept also participated, Larkin said.* So if you do the math: **May 30th:** 15 police officers assigned & only 125 motorcycles travel on I-87 during a 6 hour period. That means that each officer was checking only 10-12 bikes during the 6 hour period. That would have only given each officer 30 minutes on average for them to check licenses & registration, a helmet check, proof of insurance & a physical inspection of the bike for illegal parts. **June 6th:** 15 police officers assigned & an estimated 1,600 motorcycles pass through the checkpoint. That means that each police officer would have to check over 110 bikes each in the same 6 hour period. That would have only given each officer only 3-4 minutes on average for them to check licenses & registration, a helmet check, proof of insurance & a physical inspection of the bike for illegal parts. Doing the reality check, it is really not possible for so few officers to do so many checks on the 2nd checkpoint day. If you have been stopped before, you know how long it takes to be checked out by police. Just checking 1,600 vehicle license plate & driver license checks would have been a logistical nightmare & could not have been done in a reasonable amount of time. It is true that the police did not pull over every biker on both days, but it is also true that on the day that they could, they did pull over every one. The more interesting question is whether or not the police were given the directive to stop as many as they could & inspect all that went by the checkpoint & only did not because it overwhelmed them. Either way, the New York State Police will have soured bikers around the states since there is a clear impression in the biker community that it was a clear case of being targeted.

Pagan's member convicted – July 15, 2008 - *Delaware* - A New Castle Superior Court jury has convicted a member of the Pagan's MC on 4 counts related to trafficking in cocaine. Angel Torres, 35, was one of 32 people named in a 160-count indictment handed down in late 2006 that alleged drug dealing, racketeering & gang activity by the Pagans & their associates. The indictment came following an 18-month investigation by Delaware State Police, the Delaware Atty General's Office & state Probation & Parole officers. It also came a month after a Wilmington police officer

shot to death Derek J. Hale, a 25-year-old ex-Marine who had just joined the Pagans. Police said Hale resisted arrest, while witnesses disputed the police account. A civil suit by Hale's family against police charging wrongful death is pending in U.S. District Court. At least 7 people named in that indictment reached plea deals with prosecutors last year. Atty's involved in the case were not immediately available for comment Mon.

Hells Angels dispute flares locally – July 15, 2008 - *Florida* - A dispute between The Hell's Angels MC & a local man claiming to be one led to the Bay County Sheriff's Office issuing trespass warnings to 2 self-proclaimed Angels Sun. Paul Stevens was featured in a News Herald story June 25 after placing an ad in the paper calling for new members. Stevens said he was organizing the Hell's Angels first "sanctioned" chapter in Florida & would be selling their merchandise. He promised a sort of kinder, gentler image. The story quickly spread across the Internet & drew attention from Hells Angels MC members from across the country. The News Herald also has been contacted by a man identifying himself as Fritz Clapp, who previously has represented the Hells Angels in various matters. Clapp said Stevens is not an Angel, has no right to sell the copyrighted merchandise, & that the club would be taking legal action against him. Clapp, in April, announced he was representing the club & infamous founder Sonny Barger in a lawsuit against HBO for copyright infringement. The attempt to get paperwork to Stevens from the Angels apparently led to Sunday's call from Stevens' wife - complaining of 2 trespassers wearing Hells Angels colors - to the Sheriff's Office. According to an incident report, a deputy arrived at Stevens' residence Sun afternoon & found 2 men on the property, but away from the residence. They identified themselves as Hells Angels from out of state, & said they were "at the residence to give paperwork to Paul Stevens from the Hells Angels atty." The report did not state the nature of the paperwork. The men said there were 3 other angels traveling with them.

Chief concerned about ties among gang members – July 15, 2008 - *California* - By Kollin Kosmicki - The amount of police enforcement at this year's Hollister Motorcycle Rally was on par with 2007, while there were no serious injuries on the roads & one "major incident" involving shots being fired early Sunday morning at a Monterey St home, Police Chief Jeff Miller said Mon. Miller did, however, note a concern that the associations among outlaw motorcycle gangs & local street gangs "seem to be growing." The chief pointed to the shots fired at the house & said motorcycle gang members - who police suspect were partying with known street gang members - "took off" before authorities arrived to the scene. "Some outlaw motorcycle gang members & our street gang members seem to be partying together," Miller said. The police dept did not have official arrest numbers Monday, & Miller said they probably won't be ready for public release until next week. Among several outside agencies working at the rally this weekend, the California Highway Patrol on Mon did not have citation or arrest numbers available, & a spokesman at the Hollister-Gilroy office said to expect them by Wed or Thu. Miller commended officers' work throughout the weekend & said the collaboration - including "new lines of communication - worked well again this year. Miller, speaking in general terms, expects around the same number of arrests & citations a year after those numbers dropped significantly to coincide with a revised rally layout replacing motorcycles with vendors on San Benito Street. Miller also noted the following about this year: The number of driving while under the influence tickets likely increased in 2008, & 2 motorcycles were reported stolen over the weekend.

Pen Pals – July 15, 2008 – From *Road Scholars Website* - Sitting around late tonight, I just wanted to say to all Riders, that if you don't have a Pen Pal, BBB, or whatever you choose to call your locked down friend, get one. What you can write in less than an hour a week, or a month, can really make a difference in the daily life of someone who stood up for their Brothers, Friends, or Families. Spring has sprung, summer is upon us, & it is easy to let time slip away. A lot of us send out Christmas wishes/cards, etc, & easily forget that these men are there 24/7/365. I recommend writing someone, regularly, the old fashioned way: Pen & paper & a stamp. Whether your initial intent is for them or yourself, the result seldom varies.....you both will benefit spiritually. It's like riding...."If I have to explain, you wouldn't understand." Come on, you are man enough to get on a motorcycle & brave the freeways of America, sometimes helmetless! Write a downed Brother, you may find out that you may have more in common than you think. Some things don't come with & cannot be bought at the local dealership, this is one of the easiest to earn, the only thing required is a little time & a lot of consistency. Respectfully, Possum SYLB AZ "*Free Panhead Fred-Breed MC*"

Proceedings delayed – July 15, 2008 - *Australia* - Criminal proceedings against a senior member of the Rebels MC have been delayed by the gathering of evidence, a court has heard. Guy Clift, 34, of Flagstaff Hill, appeared in the Adelaide Magistrates Court today. He was due to enter pleas to charges including possession of drugs for sale, money laundering, assault & firearms offences. That did not occur, however, because of a joint application by prosecution & defense lawyers. John Wells, prosecuting, said the delay was evidentiary. "We are waiting for telephone intercepts to be provided," he said. "There are separate groups of intercepts that relate to each charge, all of which are linked by Clift." Previously, the court has heard allegations Clift was employing "puppets" in order to secure his release on bail, suggesting his mother-in-law – who "hates him" – could be a guarantor. He has also sought release because his partner has cervical cancer. Clift was today remanded in custody.

NAACP leaders will push Confederate flag issue – July 15, 2008 – *South Carolina* – By Dan Sewell, AP - NAACP leaders meeting in Cincinnati say they will step up their campaign against flying of the Confederate battle flag on state grounds in S.C. Dennis Courtland Hayes, interim Pres & CEO, said Mon at the civil rights organization's national convention that action plans are in the works & to stay tuned for details. The NAACP & other critics call the rebel flag a symbol of slavery & racism. Its defenders call it an emblem of Southern pride & heritage. A 2000 compromise removed the flag from the Capitol dome in S.C. It now flies on Statehouse grounds near the Confederate Soldier Monument. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has continued a boycott of the state.

The Modern Samurai: Mindset makes a Samurai. Service to society. Courage--the courage to take responsibility for All of your actions, for All of your statements. Living each day as if it might be your last—it very well might be. Awareness--being alert to your surroundings, relaxed but vigilant. The sensitivity to acknowledge the beauty, the sorrow, the humorous in the sights & events you encounter every day. The bravery to move, to act, to respond instantly in an emergency without hesitation, without worrying about the opinions of others, if you sincerely believe that this is what needs to be done. Striving constantly to improve, to better yourself so that you will make a positive difference in your little corner of the world. Knowing how to die with calm resolve because you die "defending the right & the good."

Insurance industry - July 15, 2008 - *Australia*'s leading provider of motorcycle insurance – believe there is no evidence to justify the introduction of front plates & support calls to oppose any legislation. 'Modern motorcycles are simply not designed to display front plates, & the introduction of a metal bracket above the headlamp introduces the potential for some bikes to become unstable & subsequently crash. The addition of front number plates also has the potential to cause injuries to pedestrians if hit by a motorcycle', says Robert McDonald, Head of Swann Insurance Research Centre. 'Curtailing speeding motorcyclists has been cited as the major reason for the introduction of front plates. There is no evidence based studies to support the claim that speed is the major factor in a motorcycle crash. Research suggests the leading cause of accidents is poor braking & cornering, not having crash avoidance space, plus other drivers failing to give way.' McDonald continues, 'Front number plates were removed from motorcycles at the end of 1980 because research at the time showed that they were a risk to pedestrians. From 1981 they were no longer required for both new & used motorcycles & owners were encouraged to remove them by the state-based registration authorities.' The proposal is the result of a draft regulatory impact statement prepared by VicRoads who state that approximately 49% of motorcycles detected speeding are not identified due to the lack of front number plates. In addition, the VicRoads statement claims that there will be up to a four per cent reduction in motorcycle road trauma as a result of the addition of front plates. This decrease is expected to occur as motorcyclists must obey speed restrictions – otherwise face the increased risk of being caught & identified by a speed camera. If approved, the scheme is likely to be introduced nationally. Stuart Chapman, Swann Insurance, predicts a substantial rise in claims associated with damage to front fenders (mud guards) as a result of the introduction of front plates. 'If front plates are mounted on the fender it will increase the likelihood of damage to this panel from a fall & could also reduce cooling airflow to the engine, risking engine damage. Should this occur it will no doubt result in more claims, increasing the cost to policy holders.' McDonald adds, 'There are also discussions about the use of a decal sticker (instead of metal plates); however, many bikes will not have the bodywork to allow for its placement. The use of a decal on either the screen or the bodywork will require the replacement of the decal in relatively minor damage situations such as a bike falling off a stand, & therefore, increase repair costs & potentially affect premiums.' VicRoads estimates the initial fit-out – expected to be introduced in 2009 – will cost \$22.1 million, \$13.5 million of which will be funded by road authorities & the remainder by motorcycle owners. An additional \$10 million is also expected to be spent promoting the scheme.

The first old woman told the second old woman that sometimes she gets her husband excited at night by getting totally naked, lying in bed & putting both legs behind her head, yoga style. The second old woman thought that this was a great idea, so that night when her husband went in the bathroom to get ready for bed she got totally naked & began the process of putting her legs behind her head. The first leg was kind of tough to put in place as she was a bit arthritic. However, she finally got it in place. She had an even tougher time with the second leg, so she rocked herself backwards until she finally got it behind her head. However, she had rocked just a little too hard so that she flipped slightly backwards & got stuck with her butt sticking straight up in the air. It was just then that her husband came out of the bathroom. "Gladys!" he exclaimed." For heaven's sake, comb your hair & put your teeth in... You look like an asshole."

Motorcycle Groups Threaten Legal Action over Roadblocks – July 2008 – *New York* - 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 Dept 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 Oct 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.

Troopers nab Hells Angels – July 15, 2008 – *Massachusetts* - By Dan O'Brien - A small group of Hell's Angels was arrested Sat for weapons violations on Revere Beach, authorities said. Thomas Brown, 47, of 24 Hillside Ave., Salem, Lawrence Briggs, 53, of 9 Somerby Lane, Saugus & Richard Brown, 29, of 32 Magnolia Ave., Lynn were arrested at about 11 p.m. Sat. Thomas Brown & Briggs were wearing vests with the words "Hells Angels" printed on the back at the time they were arrested, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. The vests also contained patches that confirmed their affiliation with the infamous biker gang, authorities said. State Police spokesman Trooper Eric Benson says a Trooper from the Revere Beach Barracks was patrolling Revere Beach Boulevard when he noticed the 3 bikers driving on the wrong side of the double-yellow line to pass slow-moving traffic. The Trooper also says the motorcycles were causing loud noise, which is a violation of a city ordinance that prohibits harsh noise late at night near the beach. Police stopped the three motorcycles on the northbound side of the

Boulevard near Antonia's restaurant. A Trooper suspected the bikers might have weapons after one of the suspects made suspicious movements & frisked them for his own safety, police said. A loaded .380 caliber Curz handgun was found in a front storage compartment of Thomas Brown's 1992 H-D, according to police. After further inspection, police allegedly found Brown in possession of a bullwhip & said he was wearing an illegal helmet. Briggs, who was riding a 1998 H-D & Richard Brown, who was riding a 2001 H-D, were both arrested for violating Revere's city knife ordinance that prohibits possession of a knife more than 2.5 inches. Briggs was also in possession of a double-edged dagger & was additionally charged with carrying a dangerous weapon. Thomas Brown, who faces the most charges, posted \$1,000 bail & was released from police custody a short time after his arrest. At his arraignment Monday in Chelsea District Court, prosecutors asked that his bail be increased to \$15,000 but Judge James Lamothe denied the request. Richard Brown & Briggs are scheduled for arraignment today.

High-Powered Weapon Fired At Outlaws Motorcycle Gang Clubhouse – July 15, 2008 – *Daytona Beach, Florida* - Someone opened fire on the new Daytona Beach clubhouse of the Outlaw motorcycle gang. Channel 9 reported on their move to a residential neighborhood last November, which upset the homeowners living nearby. Early Sunday morning, police said, someone fired multiple shots at the hangout from a high-powered weapon. No one was hurt. Detectives were tight-lipped Monday about the status of their investigation.

Feared bike gang Notorious - July 15, 2008 - *Australia* - By Steve Gee - The \$90,000 4WD under which the pipe bomb exploded was in the care of a former member of the Nomads motorcycle gang who had switched allegiance to rivals Notorious. He now controls security for a Kings Cross identity & drives the car for the businessman, who lives elsewhere in Sydney. Police said up to eight shots were fired near the car, parked in Walkers Dr, Lane Cove North, before the bomb exploded about 3.50am.

Defendants in meth case pack Fed courtroom – July 15, 2008 – *Indiana* – By Andy Grimm; Post-Tribune - Some 20 defendants pleaded not guilty Monday to charges they were involved in a multistate drug-trafficking operation with members of a white supremacist motorcycle club. Magistrate Judge Andrew Rodovich's courtroom was jammed with defendants, attorneys & supporters for Monday's arraignment following a 17-month investigation by Fed agents & by authorities in Porter, Jasper & Newton counties. The 20 defendants represent most of the 37 people indicted last month on charges they were part of a methamphetamine & marijuana drug ring operating in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri & Colorado. All but four of the defendants agreed to waive their right to speedy trial in anticipation of a mountain of evidence from Fed prosecutors. The assistant U.S. attorney said it could take up to 90 days to prepare transcripts of some 10,000 phone calls intercepted by wiretaps. The drug ring, allegedly headed by 30-year-old Kouts resident Richard "Tricky" Kasper, includes members of the Invaders MC, based in Northwest Indiana & Chicago. Authorities also made arrests in Denver & Missouri. The hearing was the first time Kasper has ever seen most of his co-defendants, said defense attorney Michael Bosch. Kasper is not a member of the Invaders, is not a white supremacist & does not go by the nickname "Tricky" that is listed in the Fed indictment, Bosch said. Kasper does know co-defendants & fellow Kouts residents Timothy "Beefy" Bartruff, Kathleen "Kat" Conley & Valparaiso resident Richard "Scooter Boy" Mote, Bosch said.

Five injured – July 15, 2008 – *Ohio* - Six motorcyclists headed Saturday from Akron to a motorcycle club event in Warren & were struck by an SUV on state Route 5, injuring five people, according to the Ravenna Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. The 2005 Saturn Vue was driven by Daniel Masterson, 24, of Leavittsburg who was not injured, the patrol said. The crash is under investigation, & charges against Masterson were pending Sunday afternoon, according to a dispatcher. The patrol said a 1966 H-D driven by Geoffrey Davis, 50, & a 1979 Harley driven by David Perrine, 50, both of Akron, were heading east on Route 5 about 5 p.m. when Masterson went left of center & struck both motorcycles. A 1968 Harley driven by Kenneth Reese, 51, of Cuyahoga Falls tried to avoid the head-on collision & struck Perrine, a report states.

Central Valley business owner, ten others – July 16, 2008 – *California* - Racketeering & a raft of other charges have been brought against several businessmen, a sheriff's captain, a retired deputy, & several motorcycle gang members following a lengthy Fed probe in the Central Valley. Indicted by a fed grand jury in Fresno on racketeering & conspiracy charges arising out of the operation of a company called Road Dog Cycle in Denair. In separate indictments, Stanislaus County sheriff's Captain Raul DeLeon, 51, of Modesto; former Stanislaus County Deputy Sheriff-Bailiff David Swanson, 52, of Modesto; & retired law enforcement officer & current law enforcement dog trainer Steven Johnson, 60, of Linden, have each been charged for making false statements to Fed investigators & lying to a Fed grand jury during a Fed probe into leaks surrounding the racketeering investigation. For the past 11 years Road Dog Cycle has been the headquarters of an operation that included trafficking in stolen motor vehicle parts, robbery, making extortionate extensions of credit & collecting extensions of credit by extortionate means, all as part of the enterprise's criminal activities, according to Asst U.S. Attys Mark Cullers & Laurel Montoya, who are prosecuting the case. According to prosecutors, Robert Holloway & his son Brent Holloway, are co-owners of Road Dog Cycle. Rincon is a member of the East Bay Dragons MC; Orozco is the Manteca chapter Pres of the Alky Haulers MC; Tyler is a retired deputy with the Merced County sheriff's Dept; Sotelo is the former chief executive officer of Indian Motorcycles; Noreberg is the chapter Pres of the Red Devils MC in Sweden; & Heffington is the current Merced chapter Pres of the Hells Angels MC.

FBI timeline in Road Dog case – July 16, 2008 - *California* - An investigation revolving around Road Dog Cycle, a Denair motorcycle shop, has prompted much speculation in the Modesto legal community. Fed investigators served search warrants on owner Robert Holloway, a retired sheriff's deputy, & his wife, Kathy Holloway, who left the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Dept after she was investigated on suspicion of misusing the computer system. Her former boss, sheriff's Capt. Raul DeLeon, was placed on leave without explanation. An indictment unsealed Tue revealed a Fed probe into alleged illegal activities at the bike shop over the past decade. Past & present law enforcement officers are charged with falsifying statements & perjury. The following is based on court papers & observations of FBI raids:

1997: Robert Holloway & his son Brent allegedly begin operating a "racketeering business" at Road Dog Cycle. Authorities say they, & others, trafficked stolen motor vehicle parts, were involved with robbery & made extortionate extensions of credit.

Nov. 20, 2007: During an interview with members of the Central Valley Gang Impact Task Force, Sheriff's Capt. Raul DeLeon denies having "a friendly relationship" with Holloway as well as contacts with Holloway during the execution of a search warrant

at the home of one of Holloway's employees. A Fed indictment alleges DeLeon lied to the investigators.

Dec. 6: Fed investigators escort DeLeon from the Sheriff's Dept. Sheriff Adam Christianson sends his top staff a memo saying DeLeon is on administrative leave pending the outcome of a Fed investigation.

Dec. 19: During an interview with task force members, Deputy Dave Swanson denies leaking confidential law enforcement information to an associate of Holloway, who in turn informed Holloway of possible search warrants to be executed at Road Dog Cycle. A Fed indictment alleges that Swanson lied to the investigators. Swanson worked as a bailiff in Stanislaus County Superior Court before retiring in Feb.

Feb. 1, 2008: Members of the Central Valley Gang Impact Task Force raid Road Dog Cycle, smashing the front door to serve a search warrant before the shop had opened for business.

Investigators also search the Turlock home of Robert & Kathy Holloway, on Moberg Road, & the home of their son, Brent Holloway, on Adair Road west of Modesto.

Feb. 5: Swanson is placed on leave 3 days before his retirement. A search warrant says investigators could look for anything that might tie Swanson to the Holloways, attorneys who represent the Holloways, a private investigator, the Hells Angels or any other outlaw motorcycle gang.

Feb. 7: Task force members return to Road Dog Cycle to serve a second search warrant.

June 3: During an interview with task force members, Steven Johnson denies making phone calls to Holloway & a Holloway associate regarding possible surveillance activity at Road Dog Cycle & intelligence regarding a theft at the Sharpe Army Depot. A Fed indictment alleges Johnson, a former state corrections officer, lied to the investigators.

June 12: During testimony before a Fed grand jury, Johnson denies making phone calls to Holloway & a Holloway associate regarding possible surveillance activity at Road Dog Cycle & intelligence regarding a theft at the Sharpe Army Depot. A Fed indictment alleges that Johnson lied under oath to the grand jury.

Judge says no to Hells Angels 'Death Head' – July 16, 2008 - *California* - By L.A. Carter - A Sonoma County Superior Court judge Wed prohibited Hells Angels motorcycle riders & their supporters from wearing club insignias to court, saying they are intimidating. Acting on a request from the Sheriff's Dept, Judge Ken Gness ruled that Mark Guardado Sr., & Jonathan Nelson, cannot wear the "Death Head" symbol that is the group's trademarked logo or red & white clothing that openly promotes the group. Gness' ruling avoided the issue of whether the Hells Angels are a gang as defined by law. Prosecutors & the sheriff's attorneys refer to them as a "criminal street gang," while their lawyers call them a "motorcycle club." Gness pointedly referred to the Hells Angels as a "motorcycle group" in his order, which he said relied on legal precedent allowing judges' broad discretion in maintaining & enforcing security & decorum in their courtrooms. Guardado of San Francisco, & Nelson, from Healdsburg, are facing assault & gang charges in connection with an incident in Petaluma. Police from several agencies earlier this month raided several Hells Angels sites seeking evidence they believe may bolster their case. Both men are free on bail pending further hearings in the assault case. No charges have been filed in connection with the raids.

If Congress can do whatever in their discretion can be done by money, & will promote the General Welfare, the Gov't is no longer a limited one, possessing enumerated powers, but an indefinite one, subject to particular exceptions. - James Madison

One 'Hell' of a Visit – July 16, 2008 – *Callaway, Florida* - By Jeremy Morrison - Not everyone believed Paul Stevens when he said in June he was starting a chapter of the Hells Angels MC in Florida. Stevens however, brushed off the cynics as well as any mention of possible retribution for using the club's name & insignia without permission. "I'm not going anywhere," he said, maintaining his legitimacy. On Saturday, the Bay County Sheriff's Office received a call from Stevens' wife. Two men identifying themselves as Hells Angels were at the door. "They were as sweet as sugar," said Sgt. Adam Buff, a responding officer. "I can only speculate as to why." The bikers apparently served Stevens with cease & desist papers, then got back into their van & left, according to the incident report. It began with an ad A curious advertisement last month in The News Herald featured the Hells Angels skull & wings "deathhead" logo & called for 50 new members for a new Gulf Chapter. It said: "all races & sexes welcome." In a subsequent article, Stevens laid out plans for a chapter he hoped eventually would encompass any state touching the Gulf of Mexico, & possibly Mexico. The public response was swift & unforgiving. Numerous men claiming to be Hells Angels took odds with Stevens' claims. One phone message summed up their collective sentiment: "This guy's a clown down there. C'mon, man, you're asking if this guy's real? Please!" "A single man does not decide he's going to start a chapter of the Hells Angels & just hang out a shingle," said a man identifying himself as Fritz Clapp, an attorney who represents the Hells Angels MC copyright interests. He said he was not happy about the news coming out of Florida. "We make a very big deal about it," Clapp said of the club & its licensed images. "People have died for these things. They are the elite of motorcycle clubs." Clapp said Stevens would be issued with cease & desist papers, requesting that he abandon the Hells Angels Gulf Inc. moniker registered in 2007 as a Florida corporation. "Ordinarily, it doesn't take much more than a stern warning," Fritz said, recalling his suits against Disney & Pepe Jeans. "It's usually a one-punch fight." Stevens didn't flinch: "Until I actually end up in a courthouse, I'm not worried about it." ***In Outlaw land:*** Motorcycle clubs in America generally are territorial. Florida is not thought to be friendly territory for the Hells Angels. "Are Hells Angels in Florida? No," said Ruth Sasser, spokeswoman for the Bay County Sheriff Office. "It is generally accepted that the Outlaws are in Florida." When Stevens began heralding his Gulf Chapter, ears in the law enforcement community perked up. "Any group with the reputation of the Hells Angels coming to town, obviously we're interested in learning more," said Tommy Ford, supervisor at the Florida Dept of Law Enforcement's Panama City office. Ford said he didn't know if Stevens was legit. "I don't know," he said. "I have been unable, just like you, to verify the validity of it." Local law enforcement wasn't entirely unaware of Stevens. In May, officers responded to an incident in Panama City Beach that involved an apparent standoff between Stevens & a collection of local Outlaws. According to the incident report, Stevens reported that four local Outlaws had taken issue with his selling T-shirts out of a truck marked "H.A.M.C. Store." The situation, as reported by Stevens, escalated until one of the Outlaws pulled out a gun, Stevens pulled a knife, & a number of his T-shirts were taken. After taking his two children home, Stevens apparently returned to the scene. "He stated that he could not hide," the report detailed. "He had to stand his ground." Deputies were not able to verify the Stevens' account, & no arrests were made. If Stevens' T-shirt standoff didn't immediately grab the attention of law enforcement, his news of a Gulf Chapter did. "I've got undercovers circling my block since the article came out," Stevens said. Ford said there was a concern for Stevens' safety, as well as the possibility of friction between motorcycle clubs. They

were keeping an eye on the situation. "I would say monitoring at this point," Ford said. Stevens reported receiving death threats. He also was fielding calls from bikers interested in joining up. A woman from Britain, he said, seemed very interested. "She's been calling every 2 days," he said. "She wants to move over here." ***Chaotic waffles:*** The Hells Angels is more than a motorcycle club; it's a corporation. But unlike a corporation, there is no official voice, no public relation specialist or press statements. Further, as a rule, the group does not talk to the media. This shadowy modus operandi makes verifying identity & claims an iffy task. Clapp attempted to get several Hells Angels to go on the record for this story, but was unsuccessful. Stevens also was reluctant to provide a higher-up to verify his Gulf Chapter plans. He eventually did come up with a phone number, which led to a man claiming to be a sergeant of arms with the Hells Angels. Stevens had referred to him as an "enforcer." "This is Chaos, you looking for Chaos?" said the voice that answered the phone. Chaos said he did not know Stevens, but was planning to visit Bay County to get a handle on the situation. He made plans to discuss the matter at a local Waffle House. "I'll let you talk with Sonny Barger," Chaos said, promising a telephone interview with the Hells Angels icon. "You know who Sonny Barger is?" Barger can't be considered a spokesman for the club, but is the most recognizable face of the Hells Angels. The founding member writes books & signs autographs. Clapp laughed at the notion of a Waffle House teleconference. He recounted a recent visit with Barger during which the pair discussed the brewing in Florida. "We were joking about how far out this guy must be," Clapp said. "He's flat-out delusional, but he's keeping up the show, there's no doubt about that." Chaos never showed to eat waffles in Bay County. Neither did Fritz provide verifiable Hells Angels contacts. "I think I have indulged you about as much as I need to," Clapp said. "Would you like a member named Big from South Carolina to stomp into your office? Would that give you a thrill? Actually, we don't need to prove anything to you." ***Knock,*** ***knock:*** The group of men sporting Hells Angels colors who paid a visit to Stevens arrived in the Panama City area traveling in a Toyota van, according to the incident report. They checked into the Comfort Inn. It was a business trip. After speaking with the two, Buff said he has little doubt they were who they claimed. "These guys, I'm gonna tell you, were the real deal," he said. Buff recalled "the bigger one" identifying himself as a member of the executive board for the Southeast Chapter of the club. The sheriff's report lists the visitors as Ellis Howard Schindler, a 265-pound man from South Carolina, & Bradley Paul Buehrle from Virginia. The men were issued with warnings for trespassing, & officers oversaw the handoff of legal documents which requested Stevens dissolve his company. The men said they were on a mission from a Hells Angels atty. Buff reported the 2 men left Stevens' property & returned to their motel room. The entire group then promptly left town. Stevens could not be reached for comment, but did leave a phone message following the visit. He referred to the overall situation as "one big mess" but continued to stand his ground. "I openly challenge anybody to take me to court over this. It's not going to happen the way they think it's going to happen," Stevens said. "I ain't worried, on any note."

The Shortest Short Story: A college class was told they had to write a short story in as few words as possible. The instructions were: The short story had to contain the following three things: 1. Religion, 2. Sexuality, & 3. Mystery. Here is the only A+ story in the entire class. "Good God, I'm pregnant; I wonder who did it."

Natural: Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed. Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

17 Classic Motorcycles From the H-D - July 16, 2008 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin - By Jim McCraw - 105 years after creating a legendary motorcycle brand, H-D has finally-finally-opened the doors to its much anticipated museum. And after spending the day at the grand opening this weekend, we can say it's been worth the very long wait. The \$75 million, 3-building complex, located on a 20-acre peninsula surrounded by canals & designed by Willie G. Davidson (the grandson of a Harley founder), was built on a former industrial site. Back in June 2006, the company broke ground with the spinning rear tire of a motorcycle instead of a shovel. The museum was deliberately designed to look like a factory, using steel beams totaling 1200 tons-with the world's largest bar-and-shield H-D logo up top. Davidson told PM that his architectural firm, Pentagram, cycled through four or five attempts at a museum design while Harley quietly stored away one model of each motorcycle since 1915-and bought up models from 1903 to 1914 to complete the collection. "This building has to be timeless, because we are the timekeepers," Davidson said. "Our collection numbers about 450 bikes, but we have only about 140 on display. The bikes have to rotate to keep it interesting." Here, then, are some of our favorites from the opening display.

Ormond man charged - July 17, 2008 - Daytona Beach, Florida - By Julie Murphy - An Ormond Beach man stole an AK-47 semiautomatic rifle & shot 30 rounds into the Outlaws clubhouse, claiming some of the club's members raped his ex-wife, police said. Matthew Lane, 33, was arrested around 3 a.m. Sunday after a police officer heard gunfire about 75 feet away from him as he patrolled the 600 block of South Segrave Street & heard tires "peeling out" before Lane's white minivan rounded the corner toward him. Lane gave Officer Thomas Lopez chase through Daytona Beach & Holly Hill -- where he ran several stop signs -- & was finally stopped in Ormond Beach when he failed to stop for the light at Ridgewood & Granada avenues, hit a curb & got a flat tire, a police report states. Lane told the officer his ex-wife was raped by members of the Outlaws MC. When asked by Lopez if he had been hurt or involved in the shooting, Lane said no. The officer then pointed out there were bullet shell casings inside his van. "Well, it is what it is," Lane replied. During a videotaped interview at the police station, Lane told police he stole the assault rifle from a friend, drove to the three-story, wood-frame clubhouse on South Street & fired 30 rounds into it. He said he threw the rifle out the window as he drove off. Police recovered the weapon, in pieces, after Lane directed officers to the area where he tossed the rifle out the window. The clubhouse was occupied at the time of the shooting, police said, but no injuries were reported. Since the early 1990s, several Outlaws, including members from Volusia County, have been sentenced to prison on charges ranging from racketeering & conspiracy to drug trafficking, firebombings & murder. However, when the Daytona Beach chapter was raided last summer at its former Beach Street clubhouse, neighbors said members kept crack dealers & prostitutes out of the area. "I was never raped," Lane's ex-wife said by phone Wed night. "That's completely false. It's got nothing to do with me." Lane had been a member of the Outlaws, & then became a member of the Mongols MC. He was kicked out of both clubs, said a former acquaintance who asked to remain anonymous for fear of retaliation. "He's signed his own death warrant," the acquaintance said. Johnnie Trail, clubhouse boss, refused to comment Wed. Lane has an extensive criminal history & spent a year & a half in prison for aggravated assault with a weapon, no intent to kill several years ago, according to court records. Lane remains at the Volusia County Branch Jail on charges of shooting into an occupied dwelling, fleeing & eluding & possession of a weapon by a convicted felon. His bail is

\$28,000. When a News-Journal reporter asked Tuesday for an incident report about the shooting, police didn't give any information about the arrest.

Terminally ill ex-hit man gets parole again - July 17, 2008 - Canada - He killed 43 people & got a chance to redeem himself, but he squandered it & went back to jail under the double stigma of being a snitch & a child molester. Now terminally ill, Yves (Apache) Trudeau has received parole again, in perhaps the last chapter in the life of one of Canada's most cold-blooded killers. The former Hells Angels hit man is dying from bone-marrow cancer & receiving palliative care. Citing his poor health but also the fact that he has been a model prisoner who is unlikely to reoffend, the National Parole Board this week granted him parole so he can get treatment outside. In their decision, the two board members, Pierre Cadieux & Odette Gravel-Dunberry, noted that four out of five inmates in cases similar to Trudeau's did not reoffend. "According to a 2007 psychiatric assessment, there is no sign suggesting a potential for aggressiveness or acting in a sexually deviant way," the decision said. Trudeau, 62, also suffers from renal failure & will, upon release, live in a medical-care facility. The board, an independent tribunal, heard that people who suffer from his type of bone-marrow cancer survive three years on average. A spokeswoman for the National Parole Board, Carole Ménard, said a number of factors were cited in Mr. Trudeau's application, not just his health. If board members felt that he remained a public threat, they had the option to turn down his request & let him get treatment in jail, she said. The decision said his release will be "very precise, structured & geared to his precarious health condition." Trudeau had gained parole before. After co-operating with the Crown in 1985, he was given a life sentence but was released in 1992 under a new name & led an uneventful life, working as an orderly in a nursing home. However, after being laid off in 2000, he slid back into cocaine addiction & sexually assaulted a teenage boy, for which he pleaded guilty in 2004. Since then, the parole board commissioners were told, Trudeau underwent therapy that reduced his risk of committing another sex offence. "You have abstained since you were re-incarcerated & your health has sharply declined," the decision said. "You have had a serious reflection & made progress that was noted by all intervenors. They are of the opinion that your risk to re-offend is slim." A short, wispy man nicknamed the Mad Bumper, Trudeau was one of Canada's first Hells Angels & a prolific contract killer for various Quebec organized-crime syndicates. Then he became the first full-patch Hells Angels to turn informant. In 1985, he was at a detoxification centre & failed to show up at a clubhouse meeting in Lennoxville, Que., sparing him from an internal purge that eliminated his fellow members of the Hells Angels' North Chapter. Considered too rowdy & dissolute, six of the chapter's bikers were murdered & their bodies handcuffed to cinderblocks & tossed into the St. Lawrence River. In return for his testimony against the Angels, Trudeau pleaded guilty to 43 counts of manslaughter, which officially means he didn't intentionally kill his 43 victims - 29 of whom died from firearms, 10 from bombs, three from being beaten to death, & one from strangulation. The police estimate 30 to 35 of his victims were other motorcycle gang members or sympathizers.

Far & away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing. - Theodore Roosevelt

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Man Shot Wed – July 17, 2008 - *Maryland* - Frederick City Police are looking for answers in a shooting that happened Wed around 6:25 PM. Officers responded to Frederick Memorial Hospital for a report of a man who had been shot. The victim told police he was working on his motorcycle in the parking lot of 160-B Willowdale Drive when he felt some pain in his shoulder area. He looked down & saw blood & a small hole by his neck & collarbone. The victim was flown to Shock Trauma in Baltimore for treatment & is in stable condition. The victim was not in contact with anyone before the shooting occurred.

Police promote motorcycle safety – July 17, 2008 - AP - *Chicago - Illinois* law enforcement authorities say they want to reduce the number of motorcycle fatalities on state roadways. The Illinois State Police along with several local police agencies plan Wednesday in Chicago to release a new traffic safety initiative called MADS or Motorcycle Aggressive Driving Suppression. State police say the new effort focuses on reducing injuries & fatalities involving motorcycle driver & passengers. State police say the new plan will have troopers & officers concentrate on aggravated speeding, improper lane usage, driving under the influence of alcohol & following too closely

Petty Charity Ride – July 17, 2008 – *Michigan to Georgia* - The 2008 Kyle Petty Charity Ride will pass through Banks, Jackson, Barrow & Gwinnett counties on Friday. The motorcycle ride, now in its 14th year, raises funds for charities that support chronically ill children & engages celebrities, ride sponsors, motorcycle enthusiasts & fans. This year's event began on Sun in Acme, Michigan, & will end on Sat, July 26, in Savannah. The route will bring the riders through our area Friday morning, as the tour will travel southbound on Interstate 85 from Charlotte, NC. The riders are scheduled to make a "pit stop" in Gwinnett County, at the Racetrac gas station at 3195 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road around 11:30 a.m. The riders will stop for the night in Peachtree City, before heading on to Savannah Sat. Fans & supporters of the Kyle Petty Charity Ride line the streets as the ride moved south earlier this week. NASCAR driver Kyle Petty began the ride in 1994, when he & four friends rode their motorcycles across the country to a NASCAR event in Phoenix, AZ. Before the group had reached its destination, 30 riders had joined in. The event continued the next year, with the focus turning to charitable causes. The main beneficiary of the event in recent years has been the Victory Junction Gang Camp in Randleman, NC. The camp was founded by Kyle & Pattie Petty, in honor of their son Adam, who was killed on the racetrack in a 2000 accident. The camp works to enrich the lives of children with chronic or life-threatening illnesses. The Pettys recently announced plans for a 2nd camp in Kansas. Last year's charity ride raised enough money to allow 80 children to attend the camp.

Man, 94, Won't Be Prosecuted For Soliciting Hooker - July 17, 2008 - *Florida* - A 94-year-old Bradenton man whose arrest for soliciting a prostitute became fodder for late-night comedians won't be prosecuted after all. A judge tossed out the misdemeanor charge Tue, saying Frank Milio was entrapped by an undercover officer before his arrest in Nov. The judge said the officer walked to Milio's car without being summoned & eventually got him to agree to pay for oral sex.

Gov't cannot make man richer; but it can make him poorer.
- Ludwig Von Mises

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A drunk was proudly showing off his new apartment to a couple of his friends very late one night. He led the way to his bedroom where there was a big brass gong & a mallet. 'What's with the big brass gong?' one of the friends asked. 'It's not a gong. It's a talking clock,' the drunk slurred in response. 'A talking clock? Seriously?' asked his astonished friend. 'How's it work?' 'Watch,' the drunk replied. He stumbled across the room, picked up the mallet, gave the gong an ear-shattering pound, & stepped back. The 3 stood in silence, looking at one another for a moment. Suddenly, someone on the other side of the wall screamed, 'You asshole... It's three-fifteen in the morning!!'

At Penn State University, there were 4 sophomores taking chemistry & all of them had an 'A' so far. These 4 friends were so confident that, the weekend before finals, they decided to visit some friends & have a big party. They had a great time but, after all the hearty partying; they slept all day Sunday & didn't make it back to Penn State until early Monday morning. Rather than taking the final then, they decided that after the final they would explain to their professor why they missed it. They said that they visited friends but on the way back they had a flat tire. As a result, they missed the final. The professor agreed they could make up the final the next day. The guys were excited & relieved. They studied that night for the exam. The next day the Professor placed them in separate rooms & gave them a test booklet. They quickly answered the 1st problem worth 5 points. Cool, they thought! Each one in separate rooms, thinking this was going to be easy.... then they turned the page. On the 2nd page was written.... For 95 points: Which tire? _____

Upon hearing that her elderly grandfather had just passed away, Katie went straight to her grandparent's house to visit her 95-year-old grandmother & comfort her. When she asked how her grandfather had died, her grandmother replied 'He had a heart attack while we were making love on Sun morning.' Horrified, Katie told her grandmother that 2 people nearly 100 years old having sex would surely be asking for trouble. Oh no, my dear,' replied granny. 'Many years ago, realizing our advanced age, we figured out the best time to do it was when the church bells would start to ring. It was just the right rhythm. Nice & slow & even. Nothing too strenuous, simply, in on the Ding & out on the Dong.' She paused to wipe away a tear, & continued, 'He'd still be alive today if that bloody ice cream van hadn't come along.

If you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed, if you will not fight when your victory will be sure & not too costly, you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you & only a small chance of survival. There may even be a worse case: you may have to fight when there is no hope of victory because it is better to perish than to live as slaves. - Sir Winston Churchill

Now those who seek absolute power, even though they seek it to do what they regard as good, are simply demanding the right to enforce their own version of heaven on earth, & let me remind you they are the very ones who always create the most hellish tyranny. - Barry Goldwater

Alexander Hamilton started the U.S. Treasury with nothing, & that was the closest our country has ever been to being even.
- Will Rogers

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