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Free All Brothers Behind Bars...

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NCOM Declaration of Position: *Confederation of Clubs Outline: A Coming Together Goals:*

1. *Bring the Patch holders Together...*
 - a) Communication between clubs.
 - b) A judicial coming together (not legislative) to protect our rights through the courts.
2. *Fight Police Harassment & Discrimination...*
 - a) Introduce anti-discrimination legislation, similar to the Unruh Act in California, in Confederation States that presently leave Bikers unprotected; A.I.M. attorney to work with state motorcycle rights organization (MRO) on new laws.
 - b) Form delegation of patch holders & other affected bikers, that together with their local A.I.M. attorney, Present police harassment grievances to the police chief and/or civic entity responsible.
 - c) Discriminatory establishments notified by the A.I.M. attorney that suit will be filed if they don't cease & desist.
3. *Proclamation of Intent...*
 - a) Working with local state MRO on legislative matters (ie. helmet issues, anti-biker discrimination, etc).
 - b) Working with the National Coalition of Motorcyclists on National & Federal matter. (ie. helmet issues, federal Gang Bill, etc).
 - c) Support Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) by introducing the A.I.M. numbered card & program to the members & allowing A.I.M. to set up at events.

Happy Birthday to **Iron Horsemen Fabulous Floyd** on August 2nd...

Happy Birthday to **Sons Of Silence Tattoo Joe** on August 10th...

Happy Birthday to **Mongol PegLeg** on August 16th...

Happy Birthday to **Sundowner Chico Two Guns** on August 19th...

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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: For May there were 3 newsletters, June there were 4 newsletters & for July there are 4 issues...

Editor's Note: I would like to Thank **Solders For Jesus MC Lowen** from *Minnesota* for all the hard work he did in setting up the BBB newsletter website as part of the NCOM's website... He did a GREAT Job on it... He is also NCOM's new webmaster... Thank you...

Mike, newsletter before Sturgis? My phone won't be out there, cuz I'll still be recovering from the surgeries. L & R, Kathy...

The AIM/NCOM Motorcycle E-News Service is brought to you by **Aid to Injured Motorcyclists** & the **National Coalition of Motorcyclists**, & is sponsored by the Law Offices of Richard M. Lester. NCOM News Bytes; Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, **Interest in Motorcycles Soars with Fuel Prices**: Motorcycle & scooter sales across the nation are booming as drivers look for ways to trim the cost of soaring gas prices, but the rush of inexperienced riders hitting the road has had deadly consequences. NADA Guides, which publishes a well known book of used vehicle prices, reported that the number of people researching motorcycle purchases has increased nearly 50% over last year. Scooter sales jumped 24% nationwide in the year's 1st quarter, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council. While new motorcycle sales were lagging on the whole, those with smaller engines that get better gas mileage saw an upturn, according to MIC spokesman Mike Mount, adding that used motorcycle sales also are climbing. According to a recent report by the **Governors Highway Safety Association**, motorcycle sales have tripled from 97 to 06, from 356,000 to almost 1.1 million, while motor-cycle fatalities more than doubled from 2,110 in 97 to 4,810 in 06. **Georgia Turns Speeders into Fuel Pumps**: It's a ridiculous concept, reports the **National Motorists Association**, but somehow it seemed inevitable. Check out this story from USA Today: The surging price of gasoline has come to this: a "fuel surcharge" on your next speeding ticket. Drivers caught speeding in the North Atlanta suburb of Holly Springs soon will have to pay an extra \$12 -- to cover \$4-a-gallon gas costs for the police officers who stop them. Is your police cruiser running low on fuel? No problem, just pull over someone driving home from work, ticket them, & you'll have a full tank of gas in no time. Need to balance your budget? Maybe you should look to Pizza Hut for inspiration: Police Chief Ken Ball says he was seeking ways to maintain patrols despite record high gas prices. "I was hearing that Delta (Air Lines), pizza deliverers, florists were adding fuel charges to their services, & I thought, why not police Depts?" he says. Unfortunately it looks like this isn't going to be an isolated case. As with any situation where money is available to be taken from citizens, local Gov't is on the case immediately: Ball says he's being "inundated" by calls from police chiefs & city managers. "I've heard from at least a dozen police chiefs & half a dozen city managers," he says of their municipality's recently-passed measure. "They want to know how we did it, & could we send them a copy of the ordinance."

States Green-Light New Red-Light Laws for Motorcycles: Motorcyclists in a growing number of states are being allowed to go through red lights when sensors aren't able to detect they are there. In May, South Carolina became the seventh state to give motorcyclists license to proceed with caution after stopping when the device that causes the light to change from red to green doesn't activate, according to a recent article in USA Today. North Carolina passed a similar law in 2007. Wisc '06, Idaho '06 Ark '05, Tenn '03 & Minn '02 all have passed laws the past six years, while similar legislation has been introduced in Georgia, Missouri & Oklahoma. The traffic lights in question are controlled by devices buried under the road that operate similar to metal detectors, according to Doug Hecox, a spokesman for the Fed Highway Administration. Their sensitivity can be set to detect motorcycles, but the proper balance is difficult to adjust, he said. California has chosen a technological solution. A law adopted last year requires that when new traffic-activated signals are installed, they be capable of detecting motorcycles & bicycles. "In Texas, we took a different approach," said Sputnik, President of the **Texas Motorcycle Rights Association** & Chairman of the **National Coalition of Motorcyclists' Legislative Task Force**. He told a gathering at the recent NCOM Convention in Houston

about a law passed there last year: "When a traffic light doesn't detect motorcycles, they have to fix them so they do."

Quotable Quote: "These are days when many are discouraged. In the 93 years of my life, depressions have come & gone. Prosperity has always returned & will again." - John D. Rockefeller

Thom Beers drafts zombie bikers – July 16, 2008 - USA - Thom Beers, the producer behind the hit reality skeins "Ice Road Truckers," "Deadliest Catch" & "Monster Garage," will tackle zombie bikers in his first film & comicbook project. Beers' shingle, Original Prods., & comicbook publisher Devil's Due are moving forward with "Chopper Zombie," about a motorcycle builder who refuses to sell his formula for a new superfuel to a dangerous corporation. When a team of thugs drowns him in his own toxic creation, he rises from the dead with a score to settle.

Future of Hollister Motorcycle Rally – July 17, 2008 – **California** - By Curtis Cartier - While "Welcome Bikers" flags still flap downtown & local bars continue to restock depleted beer reserves, organizers already are looking ahead to next year's Hollister Motorcycle Rally and, according to rally organizer Seth Doulton, it's uncertain where the rally will be held. "The future of the rally is not on San Benito Street," said Seth Doulton, owner of Horse Power Promotions. "Once the bypass is complete & Caltrans gives the road back to the city, the rally may need to be moved. The way the city is looking to change the design of San Benito Street, having the rally there just wouldn't work." City Manager Clint Quilter said while the transfer of San Benito Street from Caltrans back to the City of Hollister could affect where future rallies are held, he contended that next year's rally will remain on the main drag downtown. "I can guarantee we won't have a release from Caltrans by next year, so that shouldn't be an issue," Quilter said. "As you go forward, you have to constantly reevaluate how you do things." Doulton said he's committed to continuing on as the rally's promoter & keeping the event alive & that any final changes are a long way off. He did say, however, that several vendors already have shown interest in buying spots for next year's rally & that determining the details for the show is a priority. "We're losing the Fremont School area next year, so I'm going to have to find a place to put the 60 or so vendors who set up there," he said. "Really, all my decisions are at the mercy of the police chief & the city manager." Doulton's reference to the Fremont School area coincides with that location potentially being the future site of the San Benito County Courthouse - if seismic trenching work currently under way results in a stamp of approval there. Though questions remain about 2009, businesses & visitors largely showed a positive response to the 2008 event, including several bars & restaurants that called it "the best rally ever." Mayor Doug Emerson said he was pleased with the organization of the event & that "most of the responses I've heard have been very positive." "I felt the crowd on Saturday was the biggest crowd we've ever had," Emerson said. "But the way the it was laid out, it didn't feel crowded."

Beemers are heading this way for rally – July 17, 2008 – **Colorado** – By Kathy Browning - The BMW MC of Colorado is proud to announce the 36th Annual Top O' The Rockies Rally 2008 in Paonia from July 24-27. The rally includes four guided rides, live bands every night, the American Legion beer garden & steak fry, field events & much more. As many as 1,000 motorcyclists have attended the rally in the past. The rally is open to not only the Beemers, but to other motorcyclists & motorbikes. Most will be camping in tents at the well-shaded Paonia Town Park. The Top O' The Rockies Rally boasts that it provides "the best riding & scenery Colorado has to offer."

8 plead not guilty – July 17, 2008 – *California* – By Emilie Raguso; The Modesto Bee - 10 men indicted last week on charges related to a Fed investigation into alleged illegal dealings at a Denair bike shop appeared in a Fresno courtroom Wed. 8 of the men, all the defendants except Robert Holloway & his son, Brent Holloway, entered not guilty pleas. 4 were allowed to go home after entering not guilty pleas. The rest will return Friday to see whether they will remain in custody pending trial. The men filed into court, one in a wheelchair; about 2:20 pm Stanislaus County Sheriff's Dept Capt. Raul DeLeon, 1 of the men, smiled & winked at his wife & daughter in the gallery. U.S. District Magistrate Gary Austin said little to the defendants beyond making sure they understood their rights. But he did take a moment to note the case's unique circumstances. "It's a sad day when current & former law enforcement officers appear before this court," he said. "But it's important to remember that at this stage these are simply allegations & that the constitutional presumption of innocence does apply." Atty Roger Vehrs of Fresno said he will enter not guilty pleas for all charges against Robert Holloway. Vehrs represented both Holloways on Wed. But, he said, the Holloway family will hire a separate attorney for Brent Holloway. Pleas for both men likely will be entered Friday when the other atty is present. Also appearing were two men connected to outlaw motorcycle clubs & Joseph Tyler, a retired California HP officer from Merced County. These men face a variety of charges related to racketeering & extortion activities at Road Dog Cycle. DeLeon Swanson, a former Stanislaus County sheriff's deputy who was a court bailiff, & Steven Johnson also appeared in court Wed. Authorities said Johnson trains dogs for law enforcement agencies & military clients in California & Oregon. These men face charges of making false statements during the Road Dog Cycle investigation. Johnson also is accused of lying to a grand jury in June. They were released to family members pending their next court appearance, scheduled for Aug. 11 in Fresno before Judge Oliver Wanger. Tyler also was released from custody but will return to court Fri.

Gang activity grows – July 17, 2008 – *Ocean City, Maryland* - Hell's Angels & Latin Kings in Baltimore city. Grape Street Crips in Fort Washington. And now snooping around the Eastern Shore, La Mara Salvatrucha -- better known as MS-13. Gang activity is rampant in Maryland, according to a retired state trooper, & the people who say their town "doesn't have a gang problem" are probably dead wrong. "We have them all, unfortunately. They're spread out all over the state," said Greg Kies, formerly of the Maryland State Police's Organized Crime Unit, during a presentation on criminal street gangs at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center. "These guys are not gangs, really; they're organized crime. They study us. They know we react the same way every time. They're not a bunch of knuckleheads," he said. Kies said Prince George's County has the second-largest activity of the gang MS-13 in the nation, & Salisbury's gang activity is growing to the point that gangsters know it by another name: Crack City. Even rapper Jay-Z drops the nickname for the hub of Delmarva in his lyrics, Kies said. "If you have a disease & you're in denial, you're going to die from that disease," he said. "It's not pretty to admit, but people that want to come to your county, do business in your county, will respect you more if you say, 'Yes, we have this problem, & we're doing something about it.'" Kies said Ocean City doesn't have a gang problem -- yet, he added -- but did say the Boardwalk can be a volatile petri dish, where rival gangs might meet up & cause trouble. "What we're afraid of in a tourist town like this, they'll brush against each other," he said. It was just that sort of scenario that led to a brawl at the Worcester Street nightclub H2O on July 4. Police said the rumble between

two rival groups from Salisbury started inside the club & spilled outside, eventually involving more than 300 people. Three officers were hurt & 15 people were arrested during the incident.

Hells Angels cannot wear logo – July 17, 2008 – *California* - By L.A. Carter; The Press Democrat - Avoiding the stickier legal issue of whether the Hells Angels are a gang, a Sonoma County Superior Court judge Wed prohibited 2 members & their supporters from wearing club insignias to court, saying they are intimidating. Whether the motorcycle group meets the legal definition of a criminal street gang -- a question never before pressed in Sonoma County

Bikers raising money for March of Dimes – July 17, 2008 – *Iowa* - By Jessica Lowe - Bikers from across Iowa will be converging on the Iowa Speedway on July 26 to help raise funds for the Central Iowa Chapter of the March of Dimes. The 2nd annual Ride Iowa Motorcycle Rally features numerous events including a motorcycle rodeo, concerts, food, tattoo contest, a bike show & a raffle for a new H-D motorcycle. The event began in 2007 in an effort to raise funds for March of Dimes & grew from a poker run into a motorcycle rally. "At first I thought let's do poker run, then I thought about it & with talking to folks at the Speedway & it's expanded," said Dan Beougher, owner of O'Kelley's Steakhouse in Baxter & organizer of Ride Iowa. "Last year we had 1,000 motorcycles at the Iowa Speedway & 703 in the pack for the ride," Beougher said. "We raised \$30,000 in 2007, & we've done a lot of advertising, & so we hope it's really a lot bigger."

Gang task force a cheap fix – July 17, 2008 – *Australia* - A Crack police squad established to deal with the explosive problem of outlaw motorcycle gangs is being funded with just \$577,000 a year despite battling the bikies' multi-million dollar drug trade. Police Minister Judy Spence this week told a parliamentary estimates hearing the Outlaw Motor Cycle Gang Task Force, which was a commitment of the 2006 election, received \$577,000 funding in this year's Budget. The task force is responsible for disrupting & dismantling outlaw motorcycle gangs & liaises closely with interstate law enforcement agencies & the Australian Crime Commission's Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs National Intelligence Task Force. There are 24 officers assigned to the task force, supported by the State Crime Operations Command. "An operation targeting Hells Angels, Finks & Nomads outlaw motorcycle gangs resulted in the arrest of 16 people on drug-trafficking, manufacturing & producing methamphetamines & other offences involving firearms, stolen property & asset seizures," said Ms Spence. "Significant seizures included three clandestine laboratories, three hydroponic houses, assets & large sums of money, & further asset seizure is anticipated." She said it was nationally known that outlaw motorcycle gangs used organised bike runs to recruit new members. "During the past 12 months, the Outlaw Motor Cycle Gang Task Force, in conjunction with the regional police, has co-ordinated the responses to the Bandidos national run, the Finks rolling bike show on the Gold Coast & a number of other outlaw motorcycle gang poker runs," she said. "This intelligence obviously has added to the arrests."

Willie Nelson: Whether or not you are a country fan, this is truly the work of a deep thinker, & a highly intelligent person. So simple, yet so profound. Words of wisdom from that famous philosopher, Willie Nelson regarding his 75th birthday. 'I have outlived my dick.'

The basic tool for the manipulation of reality is the manipulation of words. If you can control the meaning of words, you can control the people who must use the words. - Philip K. Dick

Nevada brothel owner gets 15 years for child porn – July 18, 2008 – *Cheyenne, Wyoming* - By Matt Joyce - Former Nevada brothel owner David Burgess was sentenced Friday to 15 years in Fed prison for his recent conviction on charges of possessing & transporting child pornography. U.S. District Judge Alan B. Johnson also sentenced the 55-year-old Hells Angels Motorcycle Club member to 10 years of supervision upon his release, lifetime registration as a sex offender & a fine of \$20,000. Prosecutors say investigators found a vast & neatly organized collection of child porn on two hard drives confiscated from Burgess' motor home during a traffic stop in western Wyoming last July. A jury convicted him on both counts in April. "I would hope that at some point this defendant will be able to acknowledge his preoccupation with child pornography & the damage it has done to his life, his business & his family members," Johnson said before imposing the sentence. Burgess, a charter member of a Nevada chapter of the Hells Angels & former owner of the Old Bridge Ranch, a legal brothel near Reno, Nev., maintained his innocence throughout the case. "The only thing that I have to say is I just apologize for having put the court through this," Burgess told the judge. Burgess' defense attorney said he will appeal the case. Dion Custis of Cheyenne, who began representing Burgess after the trial, said after the sentencing hearing that he will review the trial transcript to determine his strategy for appeal. He said he will also appeal elements of the sentencing that he felt were unjustly severe. Burgess was traveling to a Hells Angels rally in Arkansas when a Wyoming Highway Patrol trooper stopped his motorhome along Interstate 80 near Evanston last summer. Police said the vehicle's trailer had an expired license plate.

Pre-trial for Project Underground – July 18, 2008 – *Canada* - By Galen Eagle - Court cases tied to Project Underground, a multi-agency drug sweep targeting the Peterborough cocaine trade, should proceed to pre-trials early next month, the Fed Crown said Friday. Robert Pammett Sr., 58, who police have linked to the defunct Ontario branch of the Bandidos outlaw motorcycle gang, was one of 10 people arrested in the sting. Police arrested Pammett March 26 & seized his "fortified" McNamara Road home. Since then, three people pleaded guilty & were sentenced including his son Robert Pammett Jr., 21, & his daughter Cherie Pammett, 34.

Fugitive biker surrender – July 19, 2008 – *Nevada* - By Adrienne Packer - Hells Angel charged in deadly casino fight missing 5 years. After 6 years & several court proceedings, the criminal cases against members of 2 motorcycle gangs who engaged in a deadly gunbattle at the Laughlin River Run was seemingly put to rest. Six members of the Hells Angels MC were sent to prison; charges against 36 others were dismissed. Six members of the Mongols MC also were sentenced. Then came Frederick Donahue. The 43-year-old Hells Angel from Rodeo, Calif., vanished after indictments were handed down following the 2002 melee inside Harrah's hotel-casino. While his associates sat through a Fed trial that ultimately resulted in plea agreements & dismissals, Donahue was nowhere to be found. "Essentially, he disappeared off the face of the Earth for the last five years," Asst U.S. Atty Eric Johnson said Friday. "He has avoided prosecution." Donahue surrendered to Fed authorities earlier this month. Johnson said he has refused to grant interviews with Fed officials, leaving prosecutors at a loss as to Donahue's whereabouts or his decision to turn himself in. Donahue was in U.S. Magistrate Peggy Leen's courtroom Friday, shackled & dressed in black-and-white striped North Las Vegas Detention Center clothing. Leen told Donahue that she would not release him in part because he declined to tell representatives of the

Bureau of Probation & Parole about his ties to the community, job history & other info she needs to fashion restrictions for a release.

Bike shop case stay in jail – July 19, 2008 - *California* - By Emilie Raguso - 3 of the key Road Dog motorcycle shop defendants will stay in custody at least through the weekend, a Fed judge ruled Friday. Wiretap evidence that prosecutors hope will show the defendants are too dangerous to release cannot be presented until Mon, meaning Robert Holloway & his son, Brent Holloway, will remain jailed in Fresno along with Mike Orozco.

Man; trial; manslaughter – July 19, 2008 - *Connecticut* - A local man charged with manslaughter in the Aug 2007 death of 35-year-old Eric Anderson appears headed to trial at Waterbury Superior Court next month. Michael Sjaastad, 44, is scheduled to appear at the courthouse at 10 am on Aug. 18. Sjaastad, told Naugatuck police last summer that he beat Anderson, because Anderson was wearing a tank top that showed support for the Hells Angels MC, according to an arrest warrant affidavit. According to the report, Sjaastad said he spotted Anderson wearing the shirt at the Union Street Station Bar & Grill in the early morning of Aug 5. Police said Sjaastad told them he beat Anderson because he hates the Hells Angels. Sjaastad said he ripped Anderson's shirt off & hit him in the face about 5 times, according to the warrant. Sjaastad said he then chased Anderson, who was wearing a cast on his right arm, toward bushes near a brook outside the bar & saw him "disappear," the warrant said. Anderson fell about 10 feet into the brook & was found face down in the water just after 2 am, police said. Anderson, father of 2 young girls, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police on lookout for alcohol offenses – July 19, 2008 – *Montana* - By Becky Shay - The Beartooth Rally is one of those events for which law enforcement "plans for the worst & hopes for the best," Police Chief Richard Pringle said. The biggest challenge for police is maintaining order & crowd control as thousands of bikers converge on the mountain town looking for good rides & good times. "With so many people, it can get out of hand real quick as the night goes on," Pringle said. "In the past, we've had no serious problem." Part of that may be a law enforcement presence that includes officers, deputies & reserve volunteers from throughout the county. "We don't want to be hard-nosed about it; we want everybody to have a good time," Pringle said. "But at the same time, we want everybody to obey the law." There has been a small presence from outlaw gangs, Pringle said. He differentiates between those bikers & club members whose unifying identity is religion, patriotism & career field. "Everyone is welcome as long as they obey the laws & behave themselves," Pringle said. Alcohol-related offenses will be closely watched, especially the Red Lodge open-container law, Pringle said. Drunken drivers are another area of focus. "Alcohol & motorcycles just really don't mix," Pringle said. "It's bad enough in a car, but on a motorcycle you have nothing between you & the road."

Ray & Bubba were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A woman walked by & asked what they were doing. 'We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole,' said Bubba, 'but we don't have a ladder.' The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a few bolts, & laid the pole down. Then she took a tape measure from her pocket, took a measurement, announced, 'Eighteen feet, six inches,' & walked away. Ray shook his head & laughed. 'Ain't that just like a woman! We ask for the height & she gives us the length!' Bubba & Ray are currently working for the Gov't.

Bikers! Let's get vibrant! – July 20, 2008 - *Florida* - By Mark Lane Footnote - Highway Safety Dept. wants bikers to change their clothes The State Dept of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles has a new safety campaign aimed at changing the habits & look of some of the most tradition-bound, change-resistant drivers on the road -- bikers. Get ready for this: It's urging motorcyclists to start dressing like bicyclists. No, no. It's not urging Spandex on motorcyclists. Nobody wants that. Nobody even wants to visualize that. But highway safety experts are telling motorcyclists to toss the black leather jackets, ditch the denim jackets with sleeves torn off, & trade the black leather vests in favor of more visible colors. The kind that would stand out for drivers. Screaming yellows! Lurid limes! Hot pinks! Culturally speaking, this is a hard sell. Though on a strictly rational level, it makes sense. Bicyclists have long been aware that if your clothes blend in with the asphalt, you could find yourself blending in with the asphalt as well.

Big Hearts For Little Hands – July 20, 2008 – *Tennessee* - The Steel Brothers MC of Chattanooga presents the 1st annual Big Hearts for Little Hands Motorcycle Rally benefiting T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit on Aug. 2, 2008. The motorcycle ride will begin at Thunder Creek H-D at 10:30 a.m. & will end at noon. The cost is \$20 per bike. "The foundation is extremely grateful to Steel Brothers MC for all they are doing to benefit the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital," said Rebecca Littleton, annual giving coordinator at Erlanger. The Steel Brothers MC encourages everyone to attend a post-ride celebration complete with live music, door prizes, food & drinks at Engel Stadium.

'Mystery Ride' benefits youth in crisis – July 20, 2008 – *Texas* - By Don Bolding - Leaders at Central Texas Youth Services in Belton created a legend with their 1st Mystery Ride about this time last year. Eleven hardy souls headed their motorcycles into a driving rainstorm on a 120-mile course after plunking down registration fees to benefit the agency's Project Safe Place, which recruits, trains & supplies businesses & public agencies to shelter children & youth in crisis in Bell, Coryell & McLennan counties. This Sat was a whole lot drier & hotter; 73 cyclists navigated a route from the agency's parking lot in downtown Belton to Brookshire Brothers grocery store in McGregor, then to a Shell service station in Eddy, then to a Town & Country convenience store in Academy, picking up clues to guess the identity of a famous biker known as Indian Larry. Those who got it right qualified for donated prizes, but "everybody gets something," said Amy Ward, one of the Project Safe Place coordinators, who maintains an office in Killeen. Motorcycle rallies to benefit civic causes have been exploding in popularity lately, but most of the riders at Saturday's event seemed fiercely dedicated to the cause in question. Some were church groups, & many were Patriot Guards, but the club most in evidence was Bikers Against Child Abuse, particularly the Five Hills group from Copperas Cove, whose members protect, guide & mentor children in dangerous family situations.

Veteran Fun Run – July 20, 2008 – *Idaho* - The local Vietnam veterans & Legacy MC got together this afternoon to help out their fellow veterans & others who served our country. The event was held at Pocatello Cycle & bikers from all over Idaho got together to help out. The event cost \$15 for one ride or \$25 for two. All the money raised is going into a fund for veteran benefits. This will help provide health care for veterans who need it, & shelter for homeless veterans.

A hotel that caters to the biker – July 20, 2008 - *Wisconsin* - By Kevin Revolinski - When you're building a hotel called The Iron Horse, selecting a site just across a bridge from the new H-D Museum may seem like an obvious choice. But Milwaukee's Tim Dixon decided to convert a 1907 brick warehouse into a hotel two weeks before the museum's proposed address had been revealed. A 46-year-old carpenter-turned-developer, Dixon prefers to call himself a "re-developer." His goal with previous projects, & especially with The Iron Horse Hotel, has been urban renewal that doesn't betray the spirit & history of the original neighborhood. So the brick remains as do the remarkable heart-of-pine pillars holding it all up. It's industrial chic but with an unlikely twist. This is Dixon's first hotel & the first that gives a nod to what he considers an untapped market: upscale motorcycle enthusiasts. "I named it the Iron Horse because it is on the railroad tracks. But there's duality there. The motorcycle is the modern iron horse." And the duality goes beyond the name. This is not a theme hotel with vintage bikes on display & "Born to Be Wild" on repeat at the lobby bar. The hotel is looking to perform a balancing act between the typical upscale business & leisure travelers & recreational motorcyclists. It's a strange hybrid, but one Dixon is certain he can pull off.

Who gets to join a motorcycle club? – July 20, 2008 – *Peoria, Illinois* - By Andy Kravetz; Journal Star - For those wanting to get involved with a motorcycle group or club, you first to have to know what you are getting into & what it means. There are three types of organizations. First, there are motorcycle clubs, or MCs, such as Brothers in Arms or the Leathernecks. These are more fraternity-style groups in which a person has to "pledge" for a few months to get to know the members & for the members to get to know the person. Such pledges are called probates or prospects, depending upon the club. Such members can't wear the full patch on the back of their vest or coat but are expected to attend various club events, help out with club business & learn the traditions & history of the club before the members vote to let them in or not. More informal groups are riding clubs, or RCs, such as the American Legion Riders. Such an organization doesn't require a probate or prospect period, & a person can join relatively easily. It's more of a group of people getting together to ride for a common cause. All of the above groups & the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association mandate that a person must be a member of the military to join. The final type involves larger organizations such as the Patriot Guard Riders or Rolling Thunder. Such groups are not clubs & allow both veterans & non-veterans to join. Both also don't require a person to ride a motorcycle. Every club has its own set of bylaws & requirements. To learn more, look at the group's Web site or talk to a member.

Safe & Sober – July 2008 - *Minnesota* - On July 3, 2008, the Crookston Daily Times reported on the need for motorcyclists to ride safe & sober this riding season. According to the article, more than 30% of motorcycle fatalities in the state in the last 3 years involved operators that were riding impaired. Additionally, 35% of motorcycle deaths on weekends (the period traditionally with the highest fatality rates) were "alcohol-related." Of special attention is the notification that East Grand Forks & Crookston Police Depts will be conducting increases DWI patrols in July.

Dressing Up: A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book, & get the mail. A man will dress up for weddings & funerals.

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband. A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

Why the Gun is Civilization – USA - By Marko Kloos

“Human beings only have 2 ways to deal with one another reason & force. If you want me to do something for you, you have a choice of either convincing me via argument, or force me to do your bidding under threat of force. Every human interaction falls into one of those 2 categories, without exception. Reason or force, that’s it. In a truly moral & civilized society, people exclusively interact through persuasion. Force has no place as a valid method of social interaction & the only thing that removes force from the menu is the personal firearm, as paradoxical as it may sound to some. When I carry a gun, you cannot deal with me by force. You have to use reason & try to persuade me, because I have a way to negate your threat or employment of force. The gun is the only personal weapon that puts a 100-pound woman on equal footing with a 220-pound mugger, a 75-year old retiree on equal footing with a 19-year old gang banger, & a single gay guy on equal footing with a carload of drunk guys with baseball bats. The gun removes the disparity in physical strength, size, or numbers between a potential attacker & a defender. There are plenty of people who consider the gun as the source of bad force equations. These are the people who think that we’d be more civilized if all guns were removed from society, because a firearm makes it easier for a mugger to do his job. That, of course, is only true if the mugger’s potential victims are mostly disarmed either by choice or by legislative fiat--it has no validity when most of a mugger’s potential marks are armed. People who argue for the banning of arms ask for automatic rule by the young, the strong, & the many, & that’s the exact opposite of a civilized society. A mugger, even an armed one, can only make a successful living in a society where the state has granted him a force monopoly. Then there’s the argument that the gun makes confrontations lethal that otherwise would only result in injury. This argument is fallacious in several ways. Without guns involved, confrontations are won by the physically superior party inflicting overwhelming injury on the loser. People who think that fists, bats, sticks, or stones don’t constitute lethal force watch too much TV, where people take beatings & come out of it with a bloody lip at worst. The fact that the gun makes lethal force easier works solely in favor of the weaker defender, not the stronger attacker. If both are armed, the field is level. The gun is the only weapon that’s as lethal in the hands of an octogenarian as it is in the hands of a weightlifter. It simply wouldn’t work as well as a force equalizer if it wasn’t both lethal & easily employable. When I carry a gun, I don’t do so because I am looking for a fight, but because I’m looking to be left alone. The gun at my side means that I cannot be forced only persuaded. I don’t carry it because I’m afraid, but because it enables me to be unafraid. It doesn’t limit the actions of those who would interact with me through reason, only the actions of those who would do so by force. It removes force from the equation...and that’s why carrying a gun is a civilized act.”

Hells Angels claim victory – July 21, 2008 - *Canada* - By Kim Bolan - Law-enforcement agencies are increasingly going after the assets of gangsters in an effort to combat organized crime. The decision to withdraw the demand for disclosure in the Fed Court case would appear to be a setback to these efforts. The 2-year court battle apparently inspired a similar tactic by the notorious United Nations gang, which is also challenging demand letters issued by the Canada Revenue Agency. The UN case, filed in April & including two gangsters who have since been shot dead, cites the Federal Court case of Brian Airth against the minister of national revenue as precedent. Both cases allege police & the revenue agency colluded & improperly shared information as part of a joint strategy to target the proceeds of organized crime. The 42 related Hells Angels cases were originally filed in August 2006

by full-patch members of the bikers’ chapters - the Nomads, Vancouver, East End, Haney, Mission City, White Rock & Nanaimo, according to documents obtained by The Sun. The cases were consolidated & a new statement of claim filed against the Gov’t in Jan 2008. The statement of claim says Airth, listed as a full-patch Haney Angel, & others linked to the infamous motorcycle gang want a declaration that the revenue agency “has engaged in a continuing course of illegal conduct by targeting the plaintiffs through an initiative variously known as ‘Project MOGAL,’ the ‘Hells Angels Project’ or the ‘HA Project.’” “The Plaintiffs are all members, spouses of members & associates of the Hells Angels MC,” the court documents say. “The HAMC is the target of ongoing criminal investigations by the RCMP, The Vancouver Police Dept, & other police services in British Columbia, including the Organized Crime Agency, the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit & the Criminal Intelligence Service.” East End chapter president John Bryce complained in his affidavit that after the CRA probe began “I have had considerable difficulty with my banking.” He said he was kicked out of the Bank of Nova Scotia after 27 years as a customer. “I then transferred my business & personal accounts to North Shore Credit Union. The same thing happened,” Bryce swore. “I have now transferred my banking to a trust company. I fear that the same thing will happen again. I believe that there is a direct connection between the police, my problems with CRA & my banking problems.” The claim, filed by Vancouver lawyer David Martin, also says the Hells Angels want a declaration that the CRA violated the Income Tax Act by passing confidential information to “third parties, including the police.” Like the UN case, the Hells Angels allege their Charter rights were violated by the CRA letters sent out between 2004 & 2006. Hells Angels Vancouver Pres Rick Ciarniello says in his affidavit that Vancouver police biker specialist Sgt. Larry Butler stopped outside the East End Clubhouse in 2004 & said to a number of members: “The tax guys are going to get you all.” “It seemed as if he was running the show & directing the tax guys to come after us,” Ciarniello said. He also said one CRA official told Angels that the government wanted “the location of hidden assets such as property owned in foreign countries or held under another person’s name.” “The nature of these demands for hidden assets further strengthens my belief that this is a criminal investigation that is being carried out by the CRA under the direction of the police,” he said. Despite the heated rhetoric & apparent impasse, an out-of-court agreement was mysteriously reached on the same day the Federal Court challenge was to be heard this spring. The CRA backed down & revoked “the letters of requirement” & the case was withdrawn despite the lengthy tax probe that generated thousands of pages of file documents & hundreds of hours of court time. None of the Justice Dept lawyers who worked on the Airth case were available to comment about why the government would withdraw the requests years after they were issued.

Not guilty pleas over alleged gang drug war – July 21, 2008 - *Australia* - Three men charged over an alleged home invasion at Prospect in Adelaide last December have pleaded not guilty in the Supreme Court. Vince Votino, 28, Enrico Votino, 30, & Anthony Mavropoulos, 31, each are charged with attempted murder, causing serious harm & serious criminal trespass. The Magistrates Court previously heard of a motorcycle gang war over cannabis. It is alleged Mavropoulos was stabbed in the stomach six times after shooting the resident of the house.

There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence & find out for themselves. -- Will Rogers

Hells Angels to honor top man – July 21, 2008 – *United Kingdom* - Hundreds of Hells Angels will ride through Reading as they bid farewell to a popular biker & “family man” who died doing what he loved. Hells Angel David Niblock, 42, an experienced rider, died instantly after being involved in a pile-up on the M4 last Monday. The dad-of-two was on his way to work for his 1st day at a new job in London when he was killed in the smash. He was working as a computer technician for the Olympics & was due to travel to Beijing next month. On Friday, Niblock, of Old Basingstoke Road in Spencers Wood, will take his final journey through Reading – followed by about 300 fellow Hells Angels from around the globe.

Women bikers roar across corner of N.D. – July 21, 2008 - *North Dakota* - By Stephen J. Lee - There were Harleys & Hondas, Kawasakis & Yamahas, Victory chrome-and-steel steeds built in Iowa by Roseau, Minn.’s own Polaris Industries. Some “trikes,” & a sport bike or two, even an elegant European “Beemer” gave the group scope. The power plants ranged from modest 250-cc bikes to a massive V-6-powered, water-cooled behemoth. Bikers, 140-strong, in black leather boots, zippered-leather jackets & chaps, leather caps, lots of leather but no lace. Not showing anyway. A long line of ladies displayed peace signs on denim, a few tattoos, windburned & sunburned faces of the open road crowned with red, black & pink bandannas, now “do rags,” that rippled in the wind of 65 mph down a North Dakota highway. It was the 21st annual North Dakota “Ladies Run,” the “longest-running, women-only motorcycle rally in North America.” This year, it was based in Park River, & Saturday’s run had 140 women tooling a circuit of about 150 miles, north to Walhalla, N.D., - with stops in Edinburg & Mountain, N.D., - east to Cavalier, N.D., down south through Grafton, N.D., back to Park River for festivities including a bike show, supper, awards & karaoke into the night at the American Legion club. They gathered Friday evening, ran & rallied Saturday, & today, after a breakfast & church service, they will go home.

US rocker Ted Nugent’s outrageous rant on UK knife crime – July 21, 2008 – *United Kingdom* – By Jody Thompson - American rock star Ted Nugent has followed in Lily Allen’s footsteps to be the latest celebrity to comment on the UK’s knife crime problem. However, unlike Lily, he’s set to spark controversy with his outrageous views. An advocate of hunting & gun-ownership rights, Nugent currently serves on the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association & thinks the problem would stop if Britons were allowed to arm themselves with guns. Talking mid-set during his gig at London’s Indigo venue in the O2 Arena on Monday night, he said: “I understand that London has a knife problem. That’s because you took everybody’s guns away.” He continued: “If you had a f***ing gun you could shoot the motherf*****s with the knife. Do you need me to explain that to you dumb Limey motherf*****? In Detroit, we don’t have a knife problem. The knife motherf*****s got a Ted problem.” “‘Oooh, he’s got a knife, I’ll pretend I’m from England’. [Imitates firing a gun]. Take that motherf*****r. [Then pretends to call 911]: ‘You might wanna bring a dustpan & broom because there’s a big puddle of shit on the sidewalk’. That’s what you call a deterrent. That motherf*****r ain’t gonna knife no-one ever again.” It’s unlikely anti-knife campaigners are going to take Nugent’s ideas seriously however. As exclusively revealed in *The Mirror* today, one in five youngsters now claim they or their pals have been threatened with knives in the past year with an explosion of gangs being blamed. Police figures to be released today are expected to show 25,000 stabbings were committed in England & Wales in the last 12 months.

Hybrid Motorcycle Division – July 21, 2008 – New Jersey - Hybrid Dynamics Corporation (“Hybrid”) (OTCBB:HBDY) subsidiary, Delaware American Motors (“DAM”), announced today that it is co-developing, along with the legendary drag race fabricator, James DiTullo, also known as “Puppet”, its latest model, the “Nitro”. The Nitro ushers in a new genre of motorcycles, the Super Tourer, which integrates the best aspects of today’s power cruisers with touring comfort & capabilities. Mr. DiTullo has been designing & fabricating drag race winning motorcycles since the 70’s, with numerous Top Fuel, Pro Stock & AHRA wins to his name. At one time, his motorcycle held the outright title for the fastest & quickest bike in the world when Larry McBride did the quarter mile in 5.78 seconds at 248 mph. Not only world renowned as an exceptional fabricator, he is also an artist & graphic designer. The Nitro is powered by the all-new S&S X-Wedge engine -a 56-degree, closed-loop fuel-injected, three-cam, overhead valve v-twin designed to deliver the performance expected of an S&S engine, while still complying with EPA laws. Newly appointed Hybrid CEO, Steven Radt, said, “We are honored to partner up with such a motorcycle legend as Puppet. The pairing of our two companies will give us the chance to offer our customers a bike that will have staggering performance & stunning design while still giving them a bike that they can ride with comfort. We are confident that with Jim’s years of race winning experience & artistic flair, combined with DAM’s meticulous attention to detail, that the ‘Nitro’ will be a one of kind, history changing motorcycle.” Pres Mark Klein, who also heads the Company’s Motorcycle Division, added, “From the outset, DAM had a desire to align the company with pillars in the motorcycle fabrication business. Unlike many of the custom bike builders, our mission is to have proprietary, exclusively-designed chassis & components. A DAM bike cannot be assembled from a series of catalog items; the parts are unique to the brand. “The motorcycle market is very polarizing at the moment. At the top-end, ‘jack of all trades’ motorcycles, those that attempt to be all things to all people, are being left by the wayside. By creating an ultra-high performance touring bike, we are positioning ourselves to create a product that will take the touring market to the pinnacle of performance.” The Nitro, with production expected to be limited to no more than 99 units, marks DAM’s third motorcycle product coming to market. In addition to the Nitro, the Tech Twin American 13C, a limited production, hand-built series corresponding to America’s original 13 colonies, is ready to launch. The 1st bike has been built, with the 2nd near completion. The 13C series will be followed by DAM’s American-based Signature Series, paralleling the 56 signatures on the Declaration of Independence. **About Hybrid Dynamics Corporation:** Hybrid’s strategy is to become a branded leader in the two-wheel transportation market through innovative design & advanced engineering. Hybrid Dynamics will design, develop & distribute a line of environmentally sound, sustainably-engineered personal transportation products. With enhanced design aesthetics & superior quality of components, the Company is positioned at a premium to the market. The products that are currently under development are a pure electric scooter, internal combustion powered scooter & a range extended, two wheeled electric vehicle (Series Hybrid). Through its recent acquisition of Delaware American Motors, the Company has also entered the high-end motorcycle market. Pres Mark Klein, also head of DAM, has built & sold literally thousands of bikes in his career, including for such notables as Ralph Lauren & model Tyson Beckford.

Thought for the Day: A married man should forget his mistakes. There’s no use in 2 people remembering the same thing!

Promoters declare Bike Time a success – July 21, 2008 - *Michigan* - As the last motorcycles pulled out of Steel Horse Alley Sunday night, festival promoters & city officials proudly declared Muskegon's Bike Time Festival a success. Despite scattered rain & cloudy skies that were present much of the weekend, festival officials estimated the three day festival's turnout was 90,000, up from the previous years total of 60,000. "It's been amazing," said CK Spurlock, the festival's CEO. "Everything went very well & there were very few problems." Spurlock's comments were echoed by police, who said festival goers were largely well behaved with few problems reported. "We're very pleased," said Muskegon Police Captain Mark Lewis. "Everybody's behaving so well because they just want to show off their bikes & have a good time." Lewis attributed the behavior to a festival that was jam-packed with contests, award shows & vendors selling everything from food, clothing & bike supplies. "If they didn't have anything to do then there would have been a problem," he said. "But that wasn't the case." Bike Time officials also praised the economic benefits of the festival, saying many business owners profited from the festival which drew an estimated 30,000 motorcycles to the city. "The majority of the people aren't from (Muskegon) & they're leaving their money behind," Spurlock said. "That helps the businesses & the community at large." Festival officials weren't the only ones praising the festival. As the festival wrapped up on Sunday afternoon, some festival goers were sad to see the festival go. As the rows of bikes that lined Steel Horse Alley slowly disappeared, Jamie Moore said he wished the festival was longer. "I live for this," Moore said. "You can go up to anybody ask them about their bike & talk with them all day."

Man shot in Bridgeport while riding motorcycle – July 21, 2008 - *Connecticut* - AP - Bridgeport police say a 34-year-old man has become the city's 9th homicide after being shot to death. Police say Hector Colon died from a gunshot wound Sunday morning. Police say he was apparently riding a stolen motorcycle when he was shot around 3 a.m. Sunday. Police say they 1st received a report about a motorcycle accident at Stratford & Hollister Avenues. When emergency personnel arrived in an ambulance they found Colon lying on the ground next to the motorcycle "bleeding profusely." They discovered he been shot.

Wiretaps played in Road Dog case hearing - July 22, 2008 – *California* - By Emilie Raguso - Judge to decide whether to allow bail for Holloways - Authorities played recorded telephone calls in federal court Monday in which a man they identified as Robert C. Holloway III talked about beating up customers who didn't pay debts owed for motorcycles bought from his Denair shop. In another conversation, the man authorities say is Holloway speaks about the importance of honoring one's word & upholding a "gentleman's agreement." He also speaks of being lenient with people who owed money, as long as they communicated with him about repaying their debt. Prosecutors argue that Holloway, of Turlock, & two other defendants should not be released pending trial. Magistrate Judge Gary S. Austin is expected to rule today about whether 2 of them will be released. Authorities say Holloway & Brent F. Holloway, his son, ran a criminal enterprise out of Road Dog Cycle. Brent Holloway lives in Modesto. A grand jury indicted Holloway, his son & 11 others in mid-July on charges relating to suspected illegal operations at the motorcycle shop going back to 1997.

The human race has had long experience & a fine tradition in surviving adversity. But we now face a task for which we have little experience, the task of surviving prosperity. - Alan Gregg

Hells Angels barbeque leads to fight, one arrest – July 22, 2008 – *Massachusetts* - By Rob Barry - The Hells Angels descended on Medford yesterday for a backyard barbeque on Stanley Ave, leaving one arrest & a thoroughly stomped rival gang member in their wake. Police arrested Steven Collins, 49, 5 Tsienneto Road, Derry, N.H., after he allegedly beat a member of the Devil's Disciples. Collins was charged with two counts of assault & battery with a deadly weapon & one count of assault & battery after police detained him at the Getty gas station on Main Street. "I've been here for two years & it's a very quiet street," said Jennifer Dicorcia, of Stanley Avenue. "Nothing like this has ever happened before." Early yesterday afternoon what seemed like 200 motorcycles lined the street, Dicorcia said. Residents had put a portable toilet in the driveway of a two-family home at 56-58 Stanley Ave. & a number of tattooed individuals in leather biker jackets were outside partying. Dicorcia said she believed the party was for a friend of the group who was recently released from prison. "They weren't loud - well, the bikes were loud," said Dicorcia. "But it would have been nice to know the street would have been blocked off." Police said 3 members of the Devil's Disciples supposedly rode past the party, where between 20 & 40 motorcycles were parked. Shortly after, police in an unmarked cruiser followed several of the Angels, including Collins, to the Getty station. Collins then allegedly removed his helmet, using it to strike an unnamed victim in the head. Collins then allegedly stomped on the man, believed to be a member of the Disciples, with his boots. Police said they detained Collins at around 4:30 p.m. & the other cyclists fled the scene. As of this morning, the portable toilet, a stack of fold-up chairs & a police report were the only traces the Angels left behind.

Weapons seized at 2 homes on same block - July 21, 2008 – *California* - The Press-Enterprise - Hemet police seized multiple weapons at 2 residences in the same block last week. Police were called to an apartment in the 200 block of North Ramona Street on Friday night after a report of several people there with guns, Hemet police Sgt. James Waters said. Police said one of the apartment's occupants, Osbaldo Leanos, 28, was arrested on a parole violation from San Bernardino County, Waters said. Riverside County Gang Task Force detectives searched the home & found a loaded AR-15 assault rifle that was reported stolen from a Hemet home in 1994 & a 9 mm rifle & a handgun holster, Waters said. Arrested on suspicion of possession of stolen property & being a gang member plus weapons counts, Leanos was booked at the Southwest Detention Center. Bail was not set. Minutes after leaving the apartment, police were called to a house next door, where a man was said to have been pointing a shotgun at Leanos' nephew & cocking it, Waters said. Police found the man suspected of brandishing the shotgun at a home 2 doors from the apartment, Waters said. Officers surrounded the home & arrested Anthony Sharp, 48, on suspicion of making felony threats & brandishing a firearm & included a gang enhancement. Police said Sharp is a member of the Mongols motorcycle gang. Police seized the shotgun, 10 other guns & body armor. Sharp was booked into SW Detention Center & released on \$75,000 bond.

Woman who shot motorcyclist is indicted – July 22, 2008 - *Indiana* - A woman who shot a motorcycle rider last month in what police called a road-rage incident was indicted yesterday on two felony charges that could bring her up to 20 years in prison if she is convicted. Yalanda Sue Parrish, 39, of Jeffersonville, turned herself in & entered a not guilty plea to the charges shortly after 3 p.m., & a Nov. 10 trial date was set. She was released after posting a \$15,000 full cash bond.

The hefty price of security – July 22, 2008 - *California* -By Kollin Kosmicki - Relative to attendance, Hollister spends far more on police officers for its biker event than other cities with major motorcycle rallies. The nbrs here, however, reflect state-required overtime pay for out-of-town cops, heightened attention toward street gangs & a generally higher cost of living. L.E. costs for the Hollister Motorcycle Rally were about \$320,000 in 2007 & should be around the same in 2008 as well. Compare that to Sturgis, & Myrtle Beach, where the local Gov'ts each spend about \$300,000 annually on additional public safety costs related to their rallies, but over much longer periods of time. The City of Sturgis, which runs the Black Hills event that attracts an estimated ½ -million visitors over 10 days, budgeted \$300,806 for expected, additional costs related to the 2008 rally set to take place in early Aug, said Sturgis Chief Jim Bush. The City of Myrtle Beach, the home of 2 spring biker rallies usually taking place back to back over 3 weeks & attracting “hundreds of thousands” of people, spent a combined \$281,000 for both events this year on all related personnel costs, such as police & public works duties, said City Hall Mark Kruea, who noted how there's a push to get both rallies canceled because public sentiment has swayed largely against holding them. Hollister, meanwhile, is spending more money - reimbursed by private promoter Horse Power Promotions - & over a mere 3 days. One of the common complaints about Hollister's event surrounds the immense police activity - with more than 100 officers roaming the grounds throughout the weekend from various LEOs. But officials contend it's necessary considering the mass of people & presence of both outlaw & street gang members throughout the event area. Hollister Police Chief Jeff Miller has even pointed out how members of outlaw biker gangs & local street gangs are starting to party more often, including a police response to a reported shots fired call - to a house where police believe biker & street gang members were partying - early Sunday morning of the rally weekend. Bush, the Sturgis police chief, referred to his town of fewer than 7,000 citizens as “pretty rural” & he noted how there's really no presence of street gangs like in Hollister. Not that Bush hasn't dealt with his share of occasional problems. He pointed to the 2006 shooting at a nearby town between rival outlaw gang members & another bar shooting & stabbing in 1990 as 2 of the more serious issues he's seen. He said that, as a whole, such occurrences are “very sparse” in frequency. The Sturgis chief, though, said it's hard to compare police activity in a city like Sturgis to a place like Hollister because staffing there, in general, costs much less. “Comparing the price of law enforcement, it's much cheaper here than it is in Hollister or Daytona,” he said. But bringing in so many outside agencies' officers to Hollister adds an additional burden, though, noted Seth Doulton, owner of Horse Power Promotions. Doulton said some of the visiting officers make about \$85 an hour - it's required by California law to pay them time & a half - & that many stay at the Hilton Garden Inn at a cost to the city of \$159 a night. “No other rallies in California use as much public law enforcement as we do,” Doulton said. Asked whether he thinks the city uses too many cops, he said: “Personally, I think it's perfect. I think it's just right, & I'm not just saying that to be on the chief's side. Whatever he says is enough is enough. “He's the one that's left standing. If he wants a battle ship, I'll figure out how to get it there.” Chief Miller couldn't be reached before press time. Doulton did, however, say the state should absorb some police costs associated with the rally because of its impact on the entire California economy. Sturgis, meanwhile, brings in outside cops from several states surrounding South Dakota, yet still keeps its costs relatively minimal. One way is by having officers roam the grounds in pairs, Bush noted, while Hollister sends them out in groups of 4 to 6.

Custer biker gunfight trial may be delayed, moved – July 22, 2008 - *Sioux Falls, South Dakota* –AP - Prosecution & defense lawyers handling the 2006 Custer State Park biker shooting will take up several pretrial motions Tuesday in Rapid City, including one that will likely move the trial to Sioux Falls. Chad Wilson of Washington state & John Midmore of Indiana are each charged with 7 conspiracy, murder & gun counts for the shootout that injured 6 rival Outlaw gang members. Defense lawyers filed a request for a change of venue because they believe the men can't get a fair trial in Custer County due to pretrial publicity. Prosecutors aren't opposing it because of safety & logistic concerns over the Custer courthouse. The defense also asked for a short delay in the trial to Nov. 3 so a key expert witness is available.

Pastor Gets into Motorcycle Wreck, During Service – July 22, 2008 – *Kokomo, Indiana* – AP - A pastor brought out a dirt bike during a church service to demonstrate the concept of unity. Now he's demonstrating the concept of healing. Jeff Harlow, the senior pastor at Crossroads Community Church, broke his wrist when he lost control of the motorcycle at the start of Sunday's second service, driving off a 5-foot platform & into the vacant first row of seats. He underwent surgery on the wrist Monday. “Jeff has already laughed a lot, so he's OK. I think his pride was bruised,” said his wife, Becky. Becky Harlow said her husband had recently attended a motorcycle race in Buchanan, Mich. “He had this idea that he would bring this bike out onstage & show people how the rider would become one with the bike,” she told the Kokomo Tribune. “He was going to just sit on it & drive it out. He was just walking the dirt bike out onstage & somehow it got away from him. It was not intended.” No one else was hurt. Jeff Harlow had performed the demonstration at earlier services Saturday night & Sunday morning without incident.

Burlo man gets 5 years for cycle theft scheme – July 22, 2008 – *Trenton, New Jersey* - A Willingboro man has been sentenced to five years in prison for his role in a \$500,000 motorcycle theft ring in South Jersey. Kyle Bunn, 30, also must pay about \$4,000 in restitution & forfeit a Plymouth Voyager minivan that was used during his crime, Superior Court Judge Thomas S. Smith Jr. said in imposing the sentence on Friday. Bunn pleaded guilty in January to conspiracy to receive stolen property. Bunn said that from 2003 to 2005 he scouted for motorcycles & all-terrain vehicles to steal. In all, about 75 stolen motorcycles & ATVs have been recovered by investigators.

Bikers collect toys to give out at Christmas – July 22, 2008 - *Sierra Vista, Arizona* - Bikers in southern Arizona are getting a jump on Christmas preparations. More than 200 riders from across Cochise County from Tucson & from Phoenix held their annual Christmas fundraiser during the weekend. Bikers who wanted to participate in a parade in Sierra Vista had to donate a new toy with a value of at least \$15 per person or \$20 per couple. They collected hundreds of toys. Members say the Nomaden International Motorcycle Club has been helping families for 20 years. Most of their funds for charitable purposes comes from the Christmas in July event.

Here is the Golden Rule of sound citizenship, the 1st & greatest lesson in the study of politics: You get the same order of criminality from any State to which you give power to exercise it; & whatever power you give the State to do things for you carries with it the equivalent power to do things to you. - Albert Jay Nock

Strong men greet war, tempest, hard times. They wish, as Pindar said, to tread the floors of Hell, with necessities as hard as iron. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Harley-Davidson raffles – July 22, 2008 – *Michigan* - By Scott Fink - H-D Motorcycles & Michigan Shell Gas stations are partnering up to combat neuromuscular diseases. From July 21st 24th for \$5, anyone 18 years or older may purchase a raffle ticket at any Shell station throughout the state for a chance to win the grand prize of a custom H-D 105th Anniversary Softail motorcycle. In addition to the grand prize, contestants also will have the opportunity to win \$1,000 of gasoline in the form of Shell gift cards. The proceeds of the raffle will go to benefit the **Muscular Dystrophy Association**, a voluntary health organization dedicated to finding a cure for more than 40 neuromuscular disorders. The raffle is being held in conjunction with the 105th anniversary of the famed motorcycle manufacturer & The Ride Home, an experience for motorcycle enthusiasts young & old to come together in a gathering of Harley owners in Milwaukee, the birthplace of the legendary rides.

For the veterans – July 22, 2008 - *El Dorado, Kansas* - By Julie Clements - Renewing friendships, meeting new friends & remembering veterans & those who gave their lives all highlighted the Kansas Veterans & Family Reunion this past weekend at the El Dorado Lake. A large crowd turned out for this year's reunion – the first for the new reunion, which was formerly the Kansas Vietnam Veterans Reunion. Friday included speakers, as well as music & fireworks for those in attendance. Then Saturday brought more festivities as the members of the American Legion Riders from several posts rode in to start the events. A couple of moments were taken to remember the POWs/MIAs as the Legion Riders & Patriot Guard members carried in flags in their honor. Taps was played as well.

Jury Convicts Pagans Member in Cocaine Case – July 23, 2008 - *Wilmington, Delaware* – AP - A Pagans MC member has been found guilty on four counts related to trafficking in cocaine. A New Castle Superior Court jury convicted 35-year-old Angel Torres on Monday. Torres 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. At least seven people named in that indictment reached plea deals with prosecutors last year.

Six Arrested In Oakland Drug Raids – July 23, 2008 - *Oakland, California* - Alameda County deputies launched 2 simultaneous drug raids early Tue, arresting 6 people - including 2 members of the Oakland chapter of the Hells Angels - & seizing drugs, cash, computers & indoor growing equipment. Local drug enforcement agents pulled out 58 pot plants & seized a large amount of cash at a building in the 1100 block of 5th Ave. in Oakland. Five arrests were also made at the location. Authorities also raided a home in the 2200 block of San Antonio in Alameda & made one arrest there. Alameda County Sheriff's Dept Sgt. Marty Neideffer said a strong marijuana odor in the neighborhood led them to the Oakland operation. "In this instance the officers detected the odor of marijuana emanating from the building, tipping them off to the possible grow inside," Neideffer said. The Alameda County narcotics task force then kept the area under surveillance for nearly 2 months before launching the surprise raids on Tuesday. The identities of those arrested were released as the investigation was ongoing.

We are so robotic in America whenever the word 'discrimination' is used that we shut down thought & all genuflect in the direction of whoever is complaining. But the proper question is not whether it is discrimination but whether it is justified. - Mona Charen

Man accused of assaulting woman – July 23, 2008 - *Illinois* - By Sanford J. Schmidt - The purported Pres of the Outlaws motorcycle gang's Alton chapter was charged Tuesday with 2 counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, two counts of criminal sexual assault & one count of unlawful restraint. John L. Coffman, 50, of Bethalto, was charged in Madison County Circuit Court after a woman reported the alleged assaults to police, who subsequently executed a search warrant at his home. He is accused of possessing less than 15 grams of cocaine & less than 15 grams of a prescription pain drug. A source said the drugs were "secreted on his person." The Bethalto Police Dept investigated the case after a local hospital reported to them that the victim was being treated for sexual assault. The woman told police she was an associate of the Alton chapter of the Outlaws MC & that on Sunday night, Coffman invited her to his home, a travel trailer, police said. She claimed that while she was at Coffman's home, he sexually assaulted her twice & held her against her will. She said she was able to escape when he fell asleep, & she went to the hospital. Police learned that Coffman was out on supervised release after serving a federal prison sentence as a result of a 1998 conviction for possession of 45,000 units of ephedrine with intent to manufacture methamphetamine. Authorities have filed a petition to revoke his release. After obtaining a search warrant, officers from the Bethalto Police Dept, the FBI, DEA, Illinois State Police, the Madison County Sheriff's Dept, the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois, the Metro East Auto Theft Task Force & the Alton Police Dept visited the home & made the arrest. The sexual assault charges allege Coffman performed an act of forcible sexual penetration on the victim two times. He also allegedly held her down & threatened & intimidated her into feeling she was not free to leave. Total bail was set at \$180,000.

Biker Rally Fueled by Gas Prices – July 23, 2008 - *West Virginia* - Gas prices may help Morgantown hold its biggest biker rally yet, drawing 50,000 to 70,000 people. The 4th Mountain Fest Motorcycle Rally runs Wed through Sunday, with 4 stunt shows, 80 vendors & free entertainment. The event was named "Best Rally of 2006" by Cycle Source magazine, & marketing coordinator Cliff Sutherland says it's growing every year. Last year, 40,000 bikers attended. Sutherland says the rally is a great bargain with only a \$10 entry fee & free parking. He says with fuel prices so high, many riders are skipping national events & taking more short trips closer to home. He says attendance at local & regional shows nationwide is rising.

Twelve Charged – July 23, 2008 – *Canada* - Twelve people have been charged with drug & weapons offences in the 2nd stage of a police operation targeting motorcycle gangs in Queensland. Officers involved in operation Golf Cyclone II today raided a number of premises owned by the Hells Angels, Rebels, Bandidos, Black Uhlans, Outcasts & Finks gangs, police said. The buildings were located in Redcliffe & Caboolture in Brisbane's north, the Sunshine Coast, Maryborough, Gympie & Bundaberg. Officers found cannabis & methylamphetamines along with 2 batons & a pellet paint gun in the raids. Two women & 10 men were arrested & face 20 charges, including possession of a dangerous drug & possession of a dangerous weapon. The 12 people will appear in local courts in August. The 1st phase of operation Golf Cyclone was carried out over two days in May on the Sunshine Coast, & resulted in the arrest of 14 gang members.

No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will & moral courage of free men & women. - Ronald Reagan

Bikie accused of bizarre car theft - July 23, 2008 – *Australia* - A Lone Wolf bikie forced a man to sign over his Subaru WRX sports car by pointing a gun at his head, Lismore Local Court heard yesterday. Accused Lone Wolf bikie gang member, Arthur William Shackell, 46, was yesterday committed for trial to the Lismore District Court for robbery armed with a dangerous weapon over the incident, which is alleged to have happened last year at Shackell's Goonellabah residence. Shackell appeared at Lismore Local Court with his partner Julie-Anne McMahon, 31, who will face Lismore District Court over the incident, charged with perverting the course of justice. Police allege Shackell forced an acquaintance to sign over ownership to him of a black 2000 Subaru Impreza WRX, worth \$25,000, by holding a handgun to the man's head. Giving evidence at Lismore Local Court yesterday, the victim said he, his fiance & young son, had been at a barbecue at Shackell's home on March 31 last year when the alleged robbery took place. Under cross examination by defence solicitor Ralph James, the victim said he was summoned to a bedroom in the house where Shackell pointed a handgun at his head & ordered him to sign the registration papers. Once the papers were signed, Shackell ordered the victim to leave the house. Police allege Shackell then handed the victim keys to a white Ford Falcon sedan. The victim & his family left the party & drove to Byron Bay where he was stopped by police around 2am the next day during a random breath test but did not report the incident to police in fear of his & his family's safety. While giving evidence, the victim said he told police he had just had a problem in Lismore & asked police officers not to use the police radio. He said he did not want the call broadcast for fear Shackell, who he said had a police radio scanner at his house, would discover where they were & asked if the police officer would use a mobile phone. Police Constable Daniel Wills, who dealt with the victim during the random breath test, told the court he recalled his conversation with the victim as 'bizarre'.

Man charged over bikie-gang teen rape - July 23, 2008 – *Australia* - Police have charged a man over the alleged gang rape of a teenager by motorcycle gang members at a Lakes Entrance motel in February last year. Steven Halamboulis, 43, of Reservoir, has been charged with two counts of rape & one of false imprisonment of the 19-year-old girl, who says she was raped at the motel by members of the Black Uhlans. Halamboulis was charged after he & four other gang members provided DNA samples. The alleged rape occurred after the woman met the gang members at a Lakes Entrance pub. She told police she had her drink spiked & was then lured to the motel where, feeling intimidated, she got into the the motel's pool with some of the men. She says she was then attacked by six men, some of whom held her down while she was being raped. She was then taken to a room & repeatedly raped again by several men. Eventually, the woman was able to use her mobile phone to call a friend, who came to the motel with several other people & demanded that the woman be released. Local police arrived around the same time & negotiated for the woman to be released. She has told police that as she left the motel bikies formed a line & whispered threats to her. When Sexual Crimes Squad members arrived the next day, three of the bikies denied that a sexual assault had taken place, while two declined to talk to police. However, after negotiations with the high-ranking gang member, police were given five names, of whom two were full club members & three were associates of the club. The men at first refused to be DNA tested, then consented. A Wodonga man, 43, a Geelong man & Hoppers Crossing man, both 34, & a Sunshine man, 36, were also interviewed by detectives.

Hells Angels leaders arrested after 58 pot plants seized – July 23, 2008 – *California* - Oakland Tribune - The president & sergeant-of-arms of the Oakland Hells Angels chapter were arrested Tuesday morning after 58 marijuana plants, guns & money were seized at two sites in Oakland & Alameda, authorities said. Another man & three women were also arrested during the raids. The raids began about 7 a.m. at a trailer in the 1100 block of Fifth Avenue in Oakland & at a home in the 2200 block of San Antonio Ave in Alameda. Five of the arrests happened at the Oakland site, including 66-year-old Elliott "Cisco" Valderrama, who authorities said is the president of the Oakland Hells Angels chapter. Authorities said Valderrama lived at the site. Arrested at the Alameda residence was Gavin Malone, who authorities said is the chapter's sergeant-at-arms. The names of the others arrested were not immediately available.

Hells Angel arrested, faces extradition - July 23, 2008 - *Canada* - A member of the Mission City Hells Angels chapter faces extradition to the U.S. on drug & money-laundering charges after being arrested in Fort St. John on Friday. RCMP arrested Brian Lee Hall when he was in town to participate in the Canadian Motorcycle Drag Racing Association races, the RCMP said in a news release. Hall has been indicted in the U.S. for conspiracy to import marijuana, conspiracy to distribute marijuana, attempted bulk cash smuggling & conspiracy to commit money laundering. Police say large amounts of cash & marijuana have been seized.

New technique lifts fingerprints off cleaned guns - June 23, 2008 - *United Kingdom* - Wiping the gun clean has long been considered best practice for villains but may soon become a quaint custom that will ultimately prove fruitless. Researchers have developed a method to 'visualize fingerprints' even after the print itself has been removed by measuring the corrosion of the surface by deposits from the fingerprints. The technique can enhance – after firing– a fingerprint that has been deposited on a small caliber metal cartridge case before it is fired. The technique promises the ability to reopen many cases & solve cold cases around the world because the "underlying print never disappears" according to the scientists.

Parade of Chrome – July 23, 2008 - *Pennsylvania* - Thousands of people lined the streets of Gettysburg earlier this month for Bike Week's Parade of Chrome, a yearly ritual that features a 7-mile line of motorcycles filing down Steinwehr Ave, Baltimore St & Lincoln Square. The event is burgeoning in popularity & attendance - & that worries some town leaders. "I know it brings out thousands of people, but I was glad when it was over," Councilwoman Susan Naugle said during a recent Public Safety Committee meeting. "I think it's an accident waiting to happen." The parade customarily begins at the All-Star Sports Complex, along Business 15 in Cumberland Township, & proceeds into the heart of Gettysburg Borough, circles Lincoln Square, & then heads back out to the Sports Complex. "The speed is way in excess of the speed that's allowed south on Baltimore Street," Councilwoman Naugle said regarding the posted 25-mph zone. "We have children sitting out there. It only takes one person who is not an experienced rider for a serious accident to happen in our borough." The 9-member Borough Council is largely divided about Bike Week, an event that - aside from the Parade of Chrome - is largely held in neighboring townships.

The Constitution only guarantees the American people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself."
- Benjamin Franklin

Bottoms Up Biker Fest – July 23, 2008 – *Minnesota* - Mike, I have added this to the Bottoms Up Bike Fest webpage: Bottoms Up Bike Fest would like to apologize for a sign posted at the entry gate this past weekend, that stated “No Colors”. We now regret posting it. After just now finding out about Minnesota Statute Section 363.03(3), we would like to formally apologize. If we would have been aware of this statute & had this information prior to our event, this would have never happened. On several occasions prior to the event, I was called into closed door meetings & it was made very clear that people were concerned about possible issues with attendance by members of One-percenter motorcycle clubs. We explained to them it was Not a concern of ours. Prior to these closed door meetings, we promoted Bottoms Up Bike Fest on motorcycle club websites, spoke with club members personally, & we were very welcoming of their attendance. Many of you that know me, know that I am all about riding my Harley, going to biker rallies, & meeting new people. I organized Bottoms Up Bike Fest because I wanted to get some of my biker buddies together for some beers, check out some beautiful bikes, & listen to some good music. Unfortunately, the pressure placed on me at these meetings forced me to change my entrance policy. I would have never changed the policy had I been aware of the applicable statute prohibiting this kind of exclusion. This morning, I received emails from 2 separate motorcycle clubs, making me aware of the laws & statutes that support Bottoms Up Bike Fest’s beliefs & freedoms as bikers...All Bikers Are Welcome! Bottoms Up Bike Fest does NOT share their (GTF) concerns about colors at our event. We believed our hands were tied, & our event would have never gotten off the ground if we didn’t comply. Anyone that knows me, knows I’m all about freedom & the wind in my face. I am thankful to those that provided me the ammunition today that will prevent this from happening for all future years of Bottoms Up Bike Fest. Please don’t let this deter you from attending in the future. I want to make it clear that Bottoms Up Bike Fest welcomes any & all bikers & bike enthusiasts to our event. That’s how I envisioned it from the beginning. Sincerely, Jeff...

Editor’s Comment: I had a lot to do with this... Getting the promoter to see how he was wrong with the “No Colors” sign.

Accused killer - July 23, 2008 – *Litchfield, Connecticut* - A man accused of shooting & killing his friend outside a Forbidden MC clubhouse in Torrington in June should get his \$2 million bond reduced, his defense attorney argued Tue. Kevin Campbell, 53, of Watertown, has numerous medical problems, including an amputated leg & arm from injuries he sustained in Vietnam & a 2000 motorcycle accident, defense attorney Ralph Crozier said Tue in Litchfield Superior Court. He is walking wounded,” Crozier said. “In the 80 homicide cases I have handled it is very unusual to have a client with so many physical disabilities.” Campbell made his 1st appearance in court Tue in the shooting death of 51-year-old Roland LaGasse, of Torrington.

Police say man had 0.491 blood alcohol level – July 23, 2008 – *Rhode Island* - State police say they arrested a man early Tue whose blood alcohol level was 0.491 percent - the highest ever recorded in Rhode Island for someone who wasn’t dead. Stanley Kobierowski was taken to a hospital, put in the detoxification unit & sedated, said Maj. Steven O’Donnell. The legal limit in Rhode Island is 0.08. A level of 0.30 is classified as stupor, 0.4 is comatose & 0.5 is considered fatal, according to the health Dept.

Unless a man is master of his soul, all other kinds of mastery amount to little. - Theodore Roosevelt

A gun that fires variable speed bullets – July 23, 2008 – *Blog* - A gun that fires variable speed bullets & which can be set to kill, wound or just inflict a bruise is being built by a US toy manufacturer. The weapon is based on technology used to propel toy rockets. Lund & Company Invention, a toy design studio based near Chicago, makes toy rockets that are powered by burning hydrogen obtained by electrolysis of water. Now the company is being funded by the US army to adapt the technology to fire bullets instead. The US Army are interested in arming soldiers with weapons that can be switched between lethal & non-lethal modes. They asked Company Invention to make a rifle that can fire bullets at various speeds. The new weapon, called the Variable Velocity Weapon System or VWS, lets the soldier to use the same rifle for crowd control & combat, by altering the muzzle velocity. It could be loaded with “rubber bullets” designed only to deliver blunt impacts on a person, full-speed lethal rounds or projectiles somewhere between the two. Bruce Lund, the company’s CEO, says the gun works by mixing a liquid or gaseous fuel with air in a combustion chamber behind the bullet. This determines the explosive capability of the propellant & consequently the velocity of the bullet as it leaves the gun. “Projectile velocity varies from non-lethal at 10 metres, to lethal at 100 metres or more, as desired,” says Lund. The company says that the weapon produces less heat & light than traditional guns. It can also be made lighter & could have a high power setting for long-range sniping. Police already fire non-lethal projectiles from standard shotguns. These are known as “beanbag” rounds, bags of lead shot which will knock down a suspect at ranges of up to 10 metres. They are termed “non-lethal”, but can cause bruising or even broken ribs. Lund says that the new weapon system will use different types of bullet for lethal & non-lethal use. Police forces already use separate shotguns for non-lethal loads – typically marking them with bright orange tape to prevent any confusion – so this shouldn’t be an issue. The existing VWS design is a .50 calibre (12.7 mm) rifle weapon, but Lund says the technology can be scaled to any size, “handgun to Howitzer”. Steve Wright, a security expert at Leeds Metropolitan University, UK warns of the potential risk of variable lethality. “In a high-stress, high-personal-risk zone, there will be a real temptation for soldiers to turn the tuneable lethality switch up to ‘kill’ mode so that all doubt is removed.” A demonstration version will be ready within six months, & the VWS could go into production within 18 months of approval, according to Lund & Company.

Officer fired for demanding free Starbucks coffee – July 23, 2008 - *Daytona Beach, Florida* - An internal affairs report in Daytona Beach, Florida, concludes a police lieutenant demanded free coffee & tea from a Starbucks & threatened employees with slower emergency response times if they refused. Lt Major Garvin was fired July 8th. He was a 15-year veteran of the force. The Daytona Beach News-Journal quotes Police Chief Mike Chitwood as saying Garvin flunked a polygraph test that he himself had insisted on taking. Starbucks employees claim that starting in June 2007, Garvin visited the shop as many as six times a night while on duty. The workers say in addition to demanding free drinks, he would cut in front of the paying customers.

If the present Congress errs in too much talking, how can it be otherwise in a body to which the people send 150 lawyers, whose trade it is to question everything, yield nothing, & talk by the hour? That 150 lawyers should do business together ought not to be expected. -- Thomas Jefferson

No man will ever bring out of the Presidency the reputation which carries him into it. - Thomas Jefferson

Police seize biker clubhouse - July 23, 2008 – *Canada* - By Joe Belanger, Sun Media - A Hells Angels clubhouse in east London was seized by police this morning. The single-storey, white & red-trimmed home at 14 Swinyard St., near the police reporting centre on Bridges Street at Egerton Street, was seized around 6 a.m. by members of the OPP-led Biker Enforcement Unit & Asset Forfeiture Unit, whose members come from police forces across the province, including London. It's the third Hells Angels clubhouse seized by the unit over the last few years, the others being Thunder Bay & Oshawa. The home is owned by Robert Barletta, whom police describe as a full-patch member of the London chapter of the Hells Angels.

Palm Springs right to welcome biker – July 24, 2008 – *California* - While a local biker weekend has the potential for violence, it has produced few problems for Palm Springs over the years & it deserves to take its place once again on Palm Canyon Drive in downtown. The city made the right decision last month to allow the American Heat Palm Springs Motorcycle event Oct. 12-14. Most of the fear surrounding the event stems from an incident in 2002, when a clash between two motorcycle gangs left three people dead in Laughlin, Nev. There has never been a death connected with the local event. We're confident Palm Springs Police Chief David Dominguez, a former high-ranking Riverside officer, & his crew can handle the October biker weekend. Palm Springs needs this event. In 2001, the event attracted about 30,000 people & pumped \$2 million into the city. About \$49,000 of that went directly into city coffers to give a boost to the city that was facing a budget deficit at the time. But the event was canceled the following year as a precaution following the Laughlin shootings. Biker weekend returned to Palm Springs, but was moved to a parking lot next to the Spa Resort Casino, a few blocks away from downtown. Since the event has been away from Palm Canyon Drive, the city & businesses have not seen the return of the type of revenue created in 2001. Main Street, the downtown merchants association, has requested that the event return to Palm Canyon Drive. Merchants typically see a 30 percent increase in business during biker weekend. It's not all about the money. We, the city, & merchants all want a nice event where people can enjoy themselves & are safe. We also know the noise can be a problem & that the City Council voted to suspend the noise ordinance that weekend. It's an inconvenience, but it's a small price to pay to strengthen local business & help the city continue to provide needed services for its residents. There are risks. They are serious. They have been noted. Again, we have confidence in our police force to keep the event under control.

Woman drunk but not at fault – July 24, 2008 – *Florida* - Schoolteacher Ruth Patricia Gerding was driving drunk last July when a motorcyclist slammed into her car, throwing the biker to her death. Gerding was prosecuted for DUI manslaughter & faced up to 15 years in prison & the lifetime loss of her driver's license. Her blood alcohol level was nearly three times the level at which Florida drivers are considered impaired. She has a DUI conviction in her record. But the motorcyclist, Donna Lucille Bounds of Palmetto, was also drunk that night -- leaving jurors Tuesday to determine whether to assign blame solely to Gerding for the fatal crash on U.S. 41 in North Manatee County. The 4 women & 2 men of the panel decided after an hour that Gerding, 31, did not cause -- or even contribute to -- the death of Bounds. Gerding was found guilty of DUI, a misdemeanor, & sentenced to a year in the Manatee County jail.

What is worse? Thinking that you are paranoid, or knowing that you should be? - Shane Carruth

King Abdullah II makes Gold Beach – July 24, 2008 – *Oregon* - When 11 Harley Davidson motorcycles pulled into his Central Curry 76 Station, Brian Wallace knew something out of the ordinary was happening. A handful of black limos & an assortment of American-made Secret Service cars followed behind. A white Harley led the entire production, with the rest traveling in rows of two behind, & that white Harley was the King of Jordan's personal vehicle. Wallace helped the entire motorcade fuel up & several of them ran through the car wash. He spoke with a man named Peter, who was in charge of the motorcade. "They were very nice," Wallace said. "Did not seem at all stressed out." The King of Jordan, or His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein: King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, as is his official title, has been in Oregon for the last week, vacationing all over the state. Born in 1962, Abdullah has been the King of Jordan since 1999, upon the death of his father. (Who gifted him the above-mentioned white soft-tail Harley.) He has had a distinguished military career & is believed to be a 43rd generation direct descendent of the Prophet Muhammad. He has a wife, Ramia, & two children: Hussein & Iman.

Stolen Motorcycle Found, 34 Years Later – July 24, 2008 – *New Jersey* - Prosecutors say a Harley-Davidson motorcycle that was stolen nearly 34 years ago in Rhode Island has surfaced in central New Jersey. The 1971 Sportster was purchased on eBay for \$2,400 by Michael Meistrell of Cranford. The Union County prosecutor's office says he learned it was stolen on Halloween 1974 in Providence, R.I., after he contacted H-D for more information about the vehicle. Prosecutor Theodore Romankow says Meistrell & several other prior owners never realized the motorcycle had been stolen, including the Voorhees man who was the recent seller. Ebay will reimburse Meistrell under its policy protecting those who inadvertently buy stolen vehicles. The original owner is being traced & no arrests have yet been made.

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I know you look down on the life we have chosen
As the look of disgust is on your face plainly frozen

As you judge us and all others of our kind
With your narrow point of view and your blindly closed mind

Yet you buy a new bike, and new leather to boot
Without any idea of even how to ride a scooter

And you try to copy our lives with your fake patches and trim
And loudly declaring "I'm nothing like him"

Yet you try to steal or buy a life that can only be earned
By time and hard work and from others well learned

The meaning of respect, honor and loyalty
And you'll never understand what it is to be treated like royalty

By the men you consider to be a brother and friend
And the code that we live by that never will end

Your ignorance shows and will never make a dent
On the badge of honor we wear; the patch one percent

So as you stand in judgment of the men you never will be
We all laugh in your face for the whole world to see

And as you shoot off your mouth calling each of us a bum
We all shout back in unison, "Die Yuppie Scum"

Frontier Days prohibits gang clothing - July 24, 2008 - *Cheyenne, Wyoming* - AP - Leave the gang bandanas & outlaw biker jackets at home if you're heading to Frontier Days. Cheyenne police & the security staff at Frontier Days aren't allowing any gang paraphernalia into the ticketed areas of the rodeo & carnival. Officials say the policy has been in effect for the last 3 years & is intended to prevent fights between rival gangs. Rod Hottle is chairman of the Security Committee at Frontier Days. He says that anybody wearing clothing items that identifies them as a member of a street gang or motorcycle gang is asked to put the clothing away before they're allowed to enter.

Club donates money towards funeral costs - July 24, 2008 - *Indianapolis, Indiana* - By Terry Barnett - The funeral for a teenager killed by a garage door was set for Thur. Donations by Mars Hill Charity Riders & Peerless Pump will cover the remaining funeral costs for the boy. Eyewitness News partners at The Indianapolis Star report the motorcycle club donated \$2,800 to pay for the headstone & cemetery costs for 13-year-old Terry Barnett. A family member found the 13-year-old trapped under the door in the 500 block of North Moreland Ave last week.

Girl's name, Talula Does The Hula, won't do - July 24, 2008 - *New Zealand* - A family court judge has had enough with parents giving their children bizarre names here, & did something about it. Just ask Talula Does The Hula From Hawaii. He had her renamed. Judge Rob Murfitt made the 9-year-old girl a ward of the court so that her name could be changed, he said in a ruling made public Thursday. The girl was involved in a custody battle, he said. The new name was not made public to protect the girl's privacy. "The court is profoundly concerned about the very poor judgment which this child's parents have shown in choosing this name," he wrote. "It makes a fool of the child & sets her up with a social disability & handicap, unnecessarily." The girl had been so embarrassed at the name that she had never told her closest friends what it was. She told people to call her "K" instead, the girl's lawyer, Colleen MacLeod, told the court. In his ruling, Murfitt cited a list of the unfortunate names. Registration officials blocked some names, including Fish & Chips, Yeah Detroit, Keenan Got Lucy & Sex Fruit, he said. But others were allowed, including Number 16 Bus Shelter "and tragically, Violence," he said. New Zealand law does not allow names that would cause offense to a reasonable person, among other conditions, said Brian Clarke, the registrar general of Births, Deaths & Marriages.

The Budweiser Scale: Three guys were having a few beers at a bar & checking out the babes as they entered the bar. A cute blonde walked in. The 1st guy said, "I'd give her a 7. She's cute." The other 2 agreed. The bartender, overhearing their rating, said dryly, "I'd give her a 3." "A 3? Man, you're harsh!" The guys figured the bartender just had lousy taste in women & returned to their sport. The next young lady scored a 9, but the bartender gave her a 5. "A 5? How can you give her a 5?" the 3 guys asked. "She's gorgeous!" Then a stunning blonde walked in. Our 3 judges nod & say in unison, "10!" But the bartender only rated her a "6." "A 6!? No way!" protest the three guys. "What scale are you using?" "The Budweiser scale," said the bartender. "The Budweiser scale? What the hell is that?" asked the three guys. The bartender explained, "That's the number of Clydesdales it would take to pull me off her!"

The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them. - Mark Twain

13-Year-Old Stabbed At Opening Of Sonoma Co. Fair - July 24, 2008 - *Santa Rosa, California* - CBS 5/KCBS - A 13-year-old was stabbed & wounded on the opening night of the Sonoma County Fair, police said. Uniformed officers made a heavy show of security at the county fairgrounds Wednesday night following the stabbing & police indicated the tight security would continue for the rest of the fair. Authorities said anyone who shows up at the fair's entry gates wearing what police consider to be gang-related colors or paraphernalia would not be allowed into the fairgrounds until they remove the offending items.

Parking laws include police - July 24, 2008 - *Oregon* - Portland police are not above the parking laws, even if they're hungry. Officer Chadd Stensgaard, who parked his patrol car illegally while making a dinner-break stop at a Japanese restaurant, must pay a \$35 fine, Traffic Court Judge Terry Hannon ruled Wed. The infraction came to light thanks to Eric Bryant, who was at the restaurant with friends when Stensgaard parked in a curbside no-parking zone. Bryant, an attorney, filed a citizen complaint against the officer in March. About 5 minutes after the officer arrived, Bryant walked up to him & told him he was parked illegally. "He told me he was allowed to do so," Bryant testified. "I responded, 'No, you're not.' I told him he was an officer of the law. He's not supposed to break the law. He's supposed to enforce the law." Oregon law allows emergency responders to park in no-parking zones when responding to emergencies or chasing suspects. The law says nothing about sushi.

Annual championship motorcycle hill climb - July 24, 2008 - *Montana* - The Miller Lite Great American Championship Motorcycle Hill Climb, sponsored by the oldest remaining motorcycle club in the United States, The Billings MC, is July 25-27 at Billings Motorcycle Club grounds. This is the largest, most exciting motorsports event in the region, featuring the finest professional & amateur athletes in the country. Over 10,000 spectators, 600 rider entries, & extreme hill climb action on the "Bentonite Nightmare" will help celebrate 90 years of hill climbing, Montana-style. Rough, tough & wide-open. Day Three of the Great American, the largest, oldest & richest hill climb in the United States, is presented by Miller Lite.

Amazingly Simple Home Remedies:

- Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop.
- Avoid arguments with the females about lifting the toilet seat by using the sink.
- For high blood pressure sufferers ~ simply cut yourself & bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure on your veins. Remember to use a timer.
- A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over & going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
- If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives. You'll be afraid to cough.
- You only need two tools in life - WD-40 & duct tape. If it doesn't move & should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move & does, use the duct tape.
- If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical problem.
- Some People are like Slinkies - Not really good for anything But they bring a smile to your face when pushed down the stairs.

He who goes unarmed in paradise had better be sure that is where he is. - James Thurber

Hells Angels rolling our way – July 27, 2008 - *Missouri* - With hundreds of Hells Angels poised to descend on the Garden City this week, Missoula's top LEOs are waiting to exhale. For Sheriff Mike McMeekin, the apprehension is business as usual. Angels or no Angels, McMeekin will have his hands full policing western Montana's annually celebrated Testicle Festival, which gets under way Wed at the Rock Creek Lodge. This year, the event coincides with the Hells Angels MC's annual USA Run, when about 400 members of the group & their families are expected to ride into Missoula for a gathering that runs Wed through Sun. We have to do the Testicle Festival every year, so rather than the Hells Angels being a separate event for us, we look at them as an extra component," McMeekin said recently. "With that said, because of the Testicle Festival, the potential for a significant flash point to occur in the county this year is as great or greater as it is in the city." The Hells Angels have reserved campsites at Marshall Mountain, a few miles east of town, & have a full itinerary of planned events. But McMeekin says the club scheduled its USA Run in accord with the notorious Testicle Festival, & he expects many Angels to turn up at the Rock Creek Lodge, where alcohol & nudity abound. For the thousands who attend the Testicle Festival, the 5-day event is an opportunity to kick back, imbibe & "have a ball" - an ethos that characterizes the event's festive atmosphere as well as the abundance of Rocky Mountain oysters, which are either served deep-fried or grilled on kebabs. The way McMeekin sees it, the 26th annual festival has been going on 26 years too many, & points to the perennial assaults & drunken debauchery as proof. "One of these days, the Testicle Festival is just going to explode. It makes no difference if the Hells Angels are there or not. My bottom line is - we cannot protect people from themselves," the sheriff said. But protecting Missoula from itself, it turns out, is sometimes necessary. The Hells Angels last came to town during a sweltering week in July 2000, when a heavy police presence riled locals. The event culminated in downtown rioting, even though the outlaw motorcycle club was uninvolved & played no role in the disturbances. On the final night, when the bars closed & the Hells Angels left for their campsite at Marshall Mountain, hundreds of people remained downtown & filled the streets. When the crowds refused to leave, police turned to more forceful tactics. When the pepper spray cleared, more than 100 people were arrested & several others went to local emergency rooms with bruises & burning eyes. The fallout from the incident was significant, & a wave of intense public criticism fell over former Chief Pete Lawrenson, who retired from the Dept that same summer. In the weeks that followed the riot, a Hells Angels Citizens Review Committee was formed to advise the community on how to restore respect & trust among police & citizens. In a report detailing its findings, the committee praised police for handling the Hells Angels gathering, but called for greater community involvement should the city face a similar event in the future. Missoula Chief Mark Muir recently told members of the Missoula City Council's Public Safety & Health Committee that he's optimistic about the upcoming weekend & anticipates a "non-event." "The Hells Angels' last visit was the end of 1 chief's tenure; this visit marks the beginning of mine," said Muir, who took charge of the Dept on June 1. Muir said he took the committee's recommendations to heart. In particular, police are making an effort to communicate their patrol strategies to the public prior to the high-profile event - a cause made evident by a pair of recent public meetings, which are part of a "visible planning process" that Muir hopes will quell any lingering misgivings about the police department's response eight years ago. "We are fairly certain that the Hells Angels plan to spend a significant amount of time out at Marshall Mountain," Muir said. "They have planned activities & entertainment. But I

expect that, like last time, they will come into our community & spend some time as well." To that end, Muir & McMeekin have developed a "mutual aid agreement." That means the Missoula Police Department can tap additional resources from or divert them to the Sheriff's Office, & vice versa. Both agencies will work out of a shared command post on West Broadway, at the former Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation building. Sheriff's deputies will also be stationed at the Clinton Fire Dept in order to quickly respond to any mishaps at the Rock Creek Lodge. Muir's & McMeekin's general concern about the Testicle Festival is heightened by a history of biker gatherings there, & they worry that other rival motorcycle clubs, such as the Bandidos & the Mongols, will clash with the Angels. "We can't ignore the fact that this group & others like them frequently come into conflict with other rival groups," Muir said. "It's that kind of situation that makes us a little nervous." "We can identify the ingredients, but we can never identify the flash point until after the fact," McMeekin said. "But remember, their PR campaign notwithstanding, these are all felons, with the determination to preserve their big, bad, outlaw mystique." While sheriff's deputies once patrolled the grounds at Rock Creek Lodge during the Testicle Festival, they have since turned that role over to private security workers hired by the Lodge's owners. With a year-round staff of six employees, the Rock Creek Lodge tacks an additional 100 staffers onto the payroll for the festival, including 45 security workers & dozens of bartenders to operate the 6 outdoor bars. If the long weekend is a nonevent, as Muir & McMeekin hope, the dozens of additional officers will spend the lag time getting caught up on required training exercises. "I think it's great to utilize what would otherwise be hurry-up-and-wait time for training," Muir said, adding that some of the training will focus on crowd management. Missoula City Councilman Dave Strohmaier congratulated Muir & said he appreciated the police department being so forthcoming. "It sounds like a good game plan & responsive to lessons learned the last time around," Strohmaier said. As for the Hells Angels MC, Muir got a cordial phone call from one member following the July 1 public meeting. The member who called Muir is serving as a liaison between the club & Missoula law enforcement agencies, & said he read about the meeting in the Missoulian online. "They like to gauge the pulse of the community prior to their arrival," Muir said. "It's our understanding that they felt very welcome here last time."

Warm the Children campaign – July 28, 2008 - *West Virginia* - By Jean Braithwaite - We may be in the full, sweaty grip of summer, but in a few months, the weather in Mineral County will be getting cold. And there will be children sent off to school & play without a coat, hat, or gloves. In response, the Rockhill Chapter of the Warlocks MC is sponsoring the 12th annual Crab Feast. This event will benefit the Mineral County 2008 Warm the Children campaign. The feast is scheduled for Sat, Aug 9, at Sonny Dawson's Campground, Burlington. The cost for the Warlocks' sponsored "Start the Belly Aching" feast will be \$20 to enter & the event will take place rain or shine. The Feast will have music, horseshoes, bike games, axe throw, door prizes, T-shirts & hats for purchase, along with crabs, a hog roast, & plenty of beverages. "Everyone who attends the Crab Feast will have fun," said Jake, representative of the Warlocks. The Rockhill Warlocks Club has sponsored a Crab Feast for the last 12 years, & about 200 were in attendance during the 2007 activities. "Every dime of the proceeds will go toward Warm the Children," Jake added. MC members from all across the USA, as well as the European brothers, are expected to attend the feast. The Warlocks MC was initiated in 1967, aboard the USS Shangri-La, by a group of Navy sailors, who had served in the Vietnam War.

Safety Efforts Lead to New Low in Motorcycle Deaths – July 28, 2008 – *Virginia* - After motorcycle deaths reached a 10-year high last year, officials have made safety a priority for 2008. Those efforts look like they're paying off. The Virginia Dept of Motor Vehicles reported preliminary numbers showing that half as many people died while riding motorcycles in the 1st 5 months of 2008 compared to the same time last year. Twenty people died in motorcycle accidents from Jan thru May this year, compared to 41 in 2007. Statewide, motorcycle deaths are at their lowest level since 2005, even though there are more registered motorcycles in Virginia than ever before, 136,953 as of May 31. Mary Rayment, with the Virginia Highway Safety Office, said the 126 fatalities in 2007 led to a focus on training for motorcycle riders.

Motorcyclist, son-in-law ride 1,900 miles to attend reunion - July 28, 2008 – *Alabama* - By Lindsay Wood - Homer Wheat & his son-in-law Roy Thrift stand together by the bikes they rode to the reunion. It would be an interesting sight to see a 3-month-old raccoon riding on the shoulder of a motorcyclist. It gets better when you notice that the rider is 88-year-old (as of August 12) Homer Wheat of Calera. He has been riding motorcycles since 1946, & hasn't wrecked any of his 19 motorcycles yet. Earlier this year, the Navy World War II veteran rode 1,900 miles with his "favorite" but only son-in-law Roy Thrift to his 60th Destroyer Escort Squadron 48 (DesRon48) Reunion in Hershey, Penn. Wheat was an anti-aircraft gunner on the USS Chauncey during WWII. He has collected 6 medals & 11 battle stars. "I had the best job in the world," Wheat said. "I had a good time in the Navy." The pair are both members of the Christian Motorcyclist Association, but, unless upon close examination, they could pass for members of a rough-neck motorcycle gang with their leather vests covered in patches & pins.

Two Hells Angels Bikers Moved – July 28, 2008 - *Sioux Falls, South Dakota* - We have learned that the 2 members of the Hells Angels who are accused of sparking a gun fight in 2006 have been moved to the Minnehaha County Jail. Chad Wilson and John Midmore are charged with attempted murder, conspiracy and weapons violations in their role in a shooting that injured six members of a rival motorcycle gang.

Great Bike show! – July 28, 2008 – *California* - It was a great turn out for the Classic Japanese MC (CJMC) at their annual event at the Gold Country Fairgrounds this weekend. Over 60 vendors had offerings-O-plenty for the vintage bike buffs willing to restore their own 60's to 70's era motorcycles. An awesome showing of the finest products of those restorations were present for the 90 motorcycles on display for the Sunday show.

Miss Hooters International is crowned – July 28, 2008 – *Florida* - By Rochelle Oliver - Hooters hotties took to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on Tue night, July 8, for a chance to win Miss Hooter's International. Of the 130 bronzed bodies from all over the world, only 1 could be most worthy. Sara Hoots, from San Antonio, Texas took the crown. The 12th Annual Miss Hooter's International event wasn't just a celebration of beauty, but also the 25th anniversary of the 1st Hooters, which opened in Clearwater, FL in Oct. 1983.

Gang house land for sale – July 28, 2008 - *New Zealand* - The former site of the Lone Legion MC's headquarters in Blenheim is for sale. The property has been on the market for just over a week. It has an asking price of \$150,000. Last Sept, Carl MacDonald was killed outside the property after an alleged face-off between members of his family and Lone Legion Club members.

Police plan added patrols for Sturgis riders – July 28, 2008 – *Iowa* - By Chad Nation - Motorcycle enthusiasts from across the country will once again gather in Sturgis, S.D., from Aug. 4-10, at the 68th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The small town of 6,500 people will host over 400,000 bikers from across the country and around the world. As thousands of people start the trek towards the rally in the middle of the week, Council Bluffs police officers will increase patrols of motel parking lots for would-be thieves out to ruin weary travelers' trips. Sgt. Ray Mabbitt said increased police presence would be seen at motels in the area in the week before Sturgis and the week after. "It is something that we have done for several years," Mabbitt said. "We will increase patrols and have extra officers working; it seems to really work." With Interstate 29 running through Council Bluffs and the entertainment options available in the metropolitan area, Mabbitt said the city is resting point for many riders making the voyage to their Mecca. According to the Sturgis Chamber of Commerce, the event got its start in 1938, when nine motorcycle racers gathered in Sturgis for the first Black Hills Motor Classic.

Motorcyclist dies in crash with Amish buggy - July 28, 2008 – *Pennsylvania* - A motorcyclist is dead after an accident with a Amish buggy in northwestern Pennsylvania. Police say a group of Amish people fishing at Pymatuning State Park had their horse tied up on Friday night. But the horse broke loose and pulled the buggy onto Route 6 east of Linesville, in Crawford County. The unlighted buggy collided with a motorcycle operated by 42-year-old Duane Forsythe of Beaver Falls. Forsythe was killed. His passenger, 44-year-old Catherine Fosnaught, also of Beaver Falls, was injured. The horse wasn't hurt.

Is missing Hells Angel dead? – July 28, 2008 – *Canada* – By Kim Bolan - He welcomed a police informant into the gang. Nine members went to jail. Now he has disappeared. A full-patch member of the Vancouver Hells Angels who unwittingly introduced a police informant to the organized crime group is missing and feared dead, The Vancouver Sun has learned. Cedric Baxter Smith, 59, was one of the early members of the powerful biker gang, which is gathering in Langley this weekend to mark the 25th anniversary of its first chapters in B.C. Smith was out on parole on a series of drug-trafficking convictions when he was last seen by his club brethren on the Victoria Day long weekend.

An older, white haired man walked into a jewelry store one Friday evening with a beautiful young gal at his side. He told the jeweler he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend. The jeweler looked through his stock & brought out a \$5,000 ring. The old man said, 'No, I'd like to see something more special.' At that statement, the jeweler went to his special stock & brought another ring over. 'Here's a stunning ring at only \$40,000' the jeweler said. The young lady's eyes sparkled & her whole body trembled with excitement. The old man seeing this said, 'We'll take it.' The jeweler asked how payment would be made & the old man stated, 'by check. I know you need to make sure my check is good, so I'll write it now & you can call the bank Monday to verify the funds & I'll pick the ring up Monday afternoon,' he said. Monday morning, the jeweler phoned the old man. 'There's no money in that account.' 'I know,' said the old man, 'But let me tell you about my weekend!' All old men Aren't Senile!