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Free All Brothers Behind Bars...

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Welcome Gypsy Joker Matt to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Mailing List...

Happy Birthday to Outlaw Rambo on August 19th...

Happy Birthday to Outlaw Leech on August 20th...

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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 June there were 4 newsletters; For July there were 4 issues; For August 1 issue so far...

SOS Rebel Update – July 30, 2008 – Minnesota - Hey Everyone, Just got back from my CT scan & blood workup. The DR. said everything is perfect, & he is very happy with the results! My liver is about 70-80% grown back but he said they never grow completely back. Mine is Probably as grown back as it will get They are spreading my blood draws out to once every 2 weeks for a month, once every 3 weeks for a month, then once a month after that. My next CT scan is in 4 months & that's with his reg. nurse instead of him. Fuck'n kick ass! Anyhow, I want to thank each & every one of you for your support, prayers, & of course Brother Einstein for his Selfless gift of part of himself! L&R Rebel SFFS

SOS Magoo Update – July 30, 2008 – North Dakota – I saw Magoo on July 19th & he is doing really good... Mike SFFS

Rally vendor registration down in Sturgis - July 29, 2008 – South Dakota - Vendors registered with the city of Sturgis for the 2008 Sturgis motorcycle rally are down about 15% from 2007, city finance officer Fay Bueno said Mon. Bueno said the total number of vendor licenses that had been sold at the close of business Fri was 95, compared to the 115 licenses sold for the 2007 rally. "What I've noticed a little bit, is the vendors are still coming, it's just they are not getting as many spots," Bueno said. The 2008 rally is Aug. 3-9 but temporary businesses & their biker customers arrive before & stay after the official rally dates. Troy Rowsey, owner of Renegade Classics, was setting up his shop Monday & said he expects rally attendance to be down by about 20%. He said there was more vendor space available this year in spaces that have been rented for years. "Nbr 1, it costs so much

for a vendor out of Florida to come here, it costs so much with gas,” he said. “Nbr 2, the building owners have gotten so greedy, they’ve raised the price on rent & raised the price on rent.”

68th Anniversary of Sturgis – July 29, 2008 – *South Dakota* - The Jackpine Gypsies MC started in 1936, with an official American Motorcycle Association charter in 1937. AMA began promoting the racing events; which started the now famous Rally in Sturgis on Aug 14, 1938. That weekend celebration in 1938 had a lineup of only nine racers & a small audience watching the races. The average age for a motorcycle club is three years, & after 62 years, this club is still running strong. The club owns all the property on which most of our club activities take place. There is approximately 40 acres adjacent to Interstate 90 between Exit 30 & Exit 32, the busiest section of Interstate 90 during the Sturgis Rally. A lighted short track, motocross track, field meet area, hillclimb area, clubhouse, office & state approved concession business are located on these grounds. The Jackpine Gypsies are a non-profit organization. They donate to area charities, including: the local food bank, Sturgis High School, Zonta Club of Sturgis, & Christian Motorcycle Association. The Jackpine Gypsies have over 150 members living all over the United States & abroad. The average age of club members is 40. The average age of spectators is 42, while the average age of the riders is 23. The short track at the Jackpine Gypsies club grounds was first used in 1963. Since that debut race, many improvements have been made. The racetrack is now wider, it has permanent seating, the lighting system has been improved, there is an announcer, a sign up building & a clubhouse, where the concession business is located. The club holds races every other weekend & a full week of races during the rally. A motocross track was added on in the 1980’s & then in 1996 a new track was built. The sport of motocross is beginning to grow again, in fact, in 1998; the Gypsies held 5 motocross races, which attracted over 500 racers. During the Sturgis Rally, they hold 12 events, including: motocross racing, a 1/2 mile race, hill climbs, road tours & short track racing. There were over 6000 spectators & hundreds of racers during the week of the Rally. As you can see, the Sturgis Rally has grown quite a bit since the 1st rally in 1937!

Racing a Sturgis rally tradition – July 30, 2008 – *Sturgis, South Dakota* - By Jim Holland - Long before the spectacle of Main Street, campgrounds, parties & concerts came along, the Sturgis motorcycle rally meant racing. That tradition continues with a full slate of two-wheeled competition throughout the 68th annual rally at various locations in & around the Key City. The Jackpine Gypsies Motorcycle Club will celebrate its 70th anniversary with moto-cross, short-track, half-mile & hillclimb events at the club grounds in west Sturgis. The All Harley Drag Racing Association will offer three days of motorcycle drag racing at Sturgis Dragway on Mon through Wed. Also on tap is the North American Hillclimbers Association 3rd Annual “Rumble in the Hills” at the Buffalo Chip Campground.

Senator, John McCain will participate in the Buffalo Chip’s annual Tribute to American Veterans & Active Duty Servicemen on Mon, Aug. 4 – July 29, 2008 – *Sturgis, South Dakota* - U.S. Senator, John McCain, of Arizona, the presumptive Republican Party nominee for President of the United States in the upcoming 2008 election. He will participate in the Buffalo Chip’s annual Tribute to American Veterans & Active Duty Servicemen on Monday, Aug. 4 during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Sturgis Rally music fans will also be treated to concert performances by Kellie Pickler & Kid Rock the same night. Many of those who come to the annual Sturgis Bike Week are

veterans & active duty servicemen who will have a great appreciation for McCain’s family history of service to our country. McCain’s grandfather & father were the first pair of father/son Four-Star admirals in the United States Navy. In 1958, he graduated from the United States Naval Academy. He flew attack aircraft from carriers. In 1967, he narrowly escaped death in the Forrestal fire. Later, on his 23rd bombing mission over North Vietnam, he was shot down, badly injured, & was taken prisoner of by North Vietnam. He was a prisoner of war for 5 & a half years & endured torture before his release in 1973. Buffalo Chip campers will appreciate McCain’s perseverance. In this year’s presidential campaign, McCain has staged a miraculous comeback to become the presumptive Republican nominee. John McCain’s capture & imprisonment began on October 26, 1967. His A-4E Skyhawk was shot down by a missile over Hanoi. He broke both arms & a leg, & nearly drowned when he parachuted into Truc Bach Lake in Hanoi. He was attacked by a North Vietnamese mob that crushed his shoulder with a rifle butt, & bayoneted him. Badly wounded, the North Vietnamese refused medical treatment, & continued beating him. When the North Vietnamese discovered his father was an admiral they give him medical care. After receiving marginal care he was taken to a different camp on the outskirts of Hanoi where he spent 2 years in solitary confinement. After his father was named commander of all U.S. forces in the Vietnam theater, McCain was offered early release. The North Vietnamese had hoped to use the release for propaganda. But McCain turned down the offer & said he would only accept if every man taken before him was released as well.

Sturgis Headline Acts – July 29, 2008 – *South Dakota*

Fri, Aug. 1: Foghat, 10:30 pm, Buffalo Chip
Sat, Aug. 2: The Guess Who, 10:30 pm, Buffalo Chip
Head East, 9:00 pm, Broken Spoke Saloon
Sun, Aug. 3: Alice Cooper, 10:30 p.m, Buffalo Chip
Kentucky Headhunters, 9 pm, Broken Spoke Saloon
Mon, Aug. 4: KISS, 7:30 pm Glencoe Campground
Kid Rock, 10:30 pm, Buffalo Chip
All Harley Drags, 9:00 am, Sturgis Strip
Tue, Aug. 5: Lynyrd Skynyrd, 10:30 p.m, Buffalo Chip
Larry the Cable Guy, 7 pm, Glencoe Campground
John Fogerty, 7:30 pm, Glencoe Campground
Marshall Tucker Band, 9 pm, Broken Spoke Saloon
All Harley Drags, 9:00 am, Sturgis Strip
Wed, Aug. 6: Kenny Chesney, 7:30 pm, Glencoe Campground
Sonny Barger Book Signing, 3 pm, Knuckle Saloon
All Harley Drags, 9:00 am, Sturgis Strip
Thu, Aug. 7: ZZ Top, 10:30 pm, Buffalo Chip
Pat Travers, 9 pm, Broken Spoke Saloon
All Harley Drags, 9:00 am, Sturgis Strip
Fri, Aug. 9: Staind, 10:30 pm, Buffalo Chip
Sat, Aug. 10: Fryed Brothers Band, 9:15 pm; Knuckle Saloon

SD Motorcycle Driving Laws – July 29, 2008 – *South Dakota*

Equipment: Every motorcycle must be equipped with at least one but no more than 2 headlamps. The handlebars of a motorcycle must be no higher than the shoulder height of the person operating the motorcycle. All persons under the age of 18 must wear motorcycle safety helmets that are approved by the S.D. Dept of Transportation. A person riding in an enclosed cab attached to a motorcycle does not have to wear a safety helmet. A motorcycle operator must wear an eye protective device unless the motorcycle is equipped with a windscreen of sufficient height & design that protects the motorcycle operator. When headlights are required to be on, a motorcycle operator cannot wear protective eye devices that are tinted or shaded to reduce the light transmission of the

device below 35%. Motorcycles must have at least one tail lamp, which when lighted emits a red light visible for a distance of 500 feet. Noise Limits: Every motorcycle must at all times be equipped with a muffler in good working order & in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise.

Sturgis Police Dept City Ordinances – July 29, 2008 – *S Dak*

Indecent Exposure	\$ 111.00
Open Container In Public	\$ 61.00
Deposit of Filth	\$ 86.00
Disorderly Conduct	\$ 111.00
Careless Driving	\$ 91.00
City Parking Violations	\$ 10.00
City Trespassing	\$ 111.00
Dog Running at Large	\$ 56.00
Parking in Handicapped Zone	\$ 100.00
Reckless Driving	Custody Arrest
Truck Route Violations	\$ 91.00
Use of Sound Amplification Device:	Court Appearance Req.
Driving on Bike Path / Sidewalk	\$ 111.00
Exhibition Driving	\$ 66.00

South Dakota State Laws – July 29, 2008 – *South Dakota*

Driving while license cancelled	\$ 144.00
Violation of Restricted License	\$ 94.00
Revoked Drivers License	Custody Arrest
Furnish Alcohol to Minor (18-21)	Court Appearance Req
Open Container in Motor Vehicle	\$ 94.00

Notice: The Sturgis Police Dept has “zero” tolerance on all Drug Arrests no matter how small & will not relax charges on any violations of the following laws...

Possession of Controlled Substance	Custody Arrest
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	\$ 244.00
Possession of Marijuana	Custody Arrest
Poss of Substances for High Abuse (Distribution):	Custody Arrest

Motorcycle Laws – July 29, 2008 – *South Dakota*

Carrying pistol or revolver without a permit	Custody Arrest
Cyclists Overtaking in Same Lane	\$ 94.00
Eye Protection Required	\$ 20.00
Helmet Required (under age 18)	\$ 94.00
Illegal Handlebar Height	\$ 20.00
Illegal Exhaust Motorcycle	\$ 20.00
Operation W/O Motorcycle Endorsement	\$ 94.00

What To Do If You’re Stopped By The Police – July 29, 2008 – *Sturgis, South Dakota* - by the ACLU - Be polite & respectful.

Never badmouth a police officer. Stay calm & in control of your words, body language & emotions. Don’t get into an argument with the police. Remember, anything you say or do can be used against you. Keep your hands where the police can see them. Don’t run. Don’t touch any police officer. Don’t resist, even if you believe you are innocent. Don’t complain on the scene or tell the police they’re wrong or that you’re going to file a complaint. Do not make any statements regarding the incident. Ask for a lawyer immediately upon your arrest. Remember officers’ badge & patrol car numbers. Write down everything you remember ASAP. Try to find witnesses & their names & phone numbers. If you are injured, take photographs of the injuries as soon as possible, but make sure you seek medical attention first. If you feel your rights have been violated, file a written complaint with the police Dept’s internal affairs division of civilian complaint board.

1. What you say to the police is always important. What you say can be used against you, & it can give the police an excuse to arrest you, especially if you badmouth a police officer.
2. You don’t have to answer a police officer’s questions, but you must show your driver’s license & registration when stopped in a car. In other situations, you can’t legally be arrested for refusing to identify yourself to a police officer.
3. You don’t have to consent to any search of yourself, your car or your house. If you DO consent to a search, it can affect your rights later in court. If the police say they have a search warrant, Ask To See It.
4. Do not interfere with, or obstruct the police - you can be arrested for it.

If You Are Stopped For Questioning:

1. It’s not a crime to refuse to answer questions, but refusing to answer can make the police suspicious about you. You can’t be arrested for merely refusing to identify yourself on the street.
2. Police may “pat-down” your clothing if they suspect a concealed weapon. Don’t physically resist, but make it clear that you don’t consent to any further search.
3. Ask if you are under arrest. If you are, you have a right to know why.
4. Don’t badmouth the police officer or run away, even if you believe what is happening is unreasonable. That could lead to your arrest.

If You Are Stopped In Your Car:

1. Upon request, show them your driver’s license, registration & proof of insurance. In certain cases, your car can be searched without a warrant as long as the police have probable cause. To protect yourself later, you should make it clear that you do not consent to a search. It is not lawful for police to arrest you simply for refusing to consent to a search.
2. If you’re given a ticket, you should sign it. Otherwise, you can be arrested. You can always fight the case in court later.
3. If you’re suspected of drunk driving (DWI), & refuse to take a blood, urine or breath test, your driver’s license may be suspended.

If You’re Arrested Or Taken To A Police Station:

1. You have the right to remain silent & to talk to a lawyer before you talk to the police. Tell the police nothing except your name & address. Don’t give any explanations, excuses or stories. You can make your defense later, in court, based on what you & your lawyer decide is best.
2. Ask to see a lawyer immediately. If you can’t pay for a lawyer, you have a right to a free one & should ask the police how the lawyer can be contacted. Don’t say anything without a lawyer.
3. Within a reasonable time after your arrest, or booking, you have the right to make a local phone call: to a lawyer, bail bondsman, a relative or any other person. The police may not listen to the call to the lawyer.
4. Sometimes you can be released without bail, or have bail lowered. Have your lawyer ask the judge about this possibility. You must be taken before the judge on the next court day after arrest.
5. Do not make any decision in your case until you have talked with a lawyer.

In Your Home:

1. If the police knock & ask to enter your home, you don’t have to admit them, unless they have a warrant signed by a judge.
2. However, in some emergency situations (like when a person is screaming for help inside, or when the police are chasing someone) officers are allowed to enter & search your home without a warrant.

3. If you are arrested, the police can search you & the area close by. If you are in a building, "close by" usually means just the room you are in.

We all recognize the need for effective law enforcement, but we should also understand our own rights & responsibilities - especially in our relationships with the police. Everyone, including minors, has the right to courteous & respectful police treatment. If your rights are violated, don't try to deal with the situation at the scene. You can discuss the matter with an attorney afterwards, or file a complaint with the Internal Affairs or Civilian Complaint Board.

Police crackdown on noise from loud motorcycles – July 29, 2008 - *Pennsylvania* - By James McGinnis - Bristol Township police have issued about six citations for loud motorcycles in recent weeks as part of the Dept's "no tolerance" policy on noise pollution, officers said. The township said it is training police officers as certified commonwealth inspection mechanics. That way, they can identify cycles retrofitted to make more noise. "We have 4 guys on the street with this training," said police Lt. Gaetano Sava. "We're hoping to get another three officers trained later this year." Police cannot legally stop a motorcycle without probable cause & officers do not carry decibel meters to measure sound levels, Sava added. "In some cases, we'll issue a warning," he said. Those who get a warning are told to fix their bike & bring it to the police station for inspection. "We see that they fixed their bike, & we don't give them a ticket," Sava added. Sava said the Dept wants to make clear that it's not targeting all bikers. "This is not about targeting everyone on a bike. It's about going after the ones [who ride bikes] that are excessively loud." Bristol Township police Chief James McAndrew announced the "no tolerance" policy on loud motorcycles in late May. The Dept will issue fines of about \$75 for offenders, McAndrew said. "When you hear a loud one, it's illegal & it needs to be stopped," McAndrew said.

Name of victim released in club shooting – July 29, 2008 - *South Carolina* - The Horry County coroner released the name of the man killed in a shooting early Mon morning. Horry County coroner Robert Edge says 29-year old Achoe Bellamy of Longs was the victim. Police tell us they responded to a call of "shots fired" around 2:00 am Mon at the Riders MC off Hwy 90 & Star Bluff Rd. When they got there, they found Bellamy dead in the parking lot of the club. Police have not released any motive in the shooting. We'll continue to update you on the investigation.

Hells Angels in bar brawl – July 29, 2008 – *Idaho* - By Andrea Jackson - As police arrived at the Pioneer Club, they were told "the Angels started it & you don't want to go in there," court records show. But bartender Holly Brown said the Hells Angels didn't start the 11:30 pm fight. Some people were wearing vests with Hells Angels logos, but they were gentleman, she said. About 300 to 500 Hells Angels are expected Wed through Aug. 3 in Missoula, Mont., for the 2008 USA Run. Montana authorities are readying for one representative of each Hells Angels chapter to arrive at Marshall Mountain, according to a report from Missoula police. Motorcycle riders have also been passing through Twin Falls during the past week for the 26th annual Testicle Festival, Brown said. That festival is slated to start Wed & run through Aug. 3, in Clinton, Mont., about 22 miles from Missoula. Twin Falls Police have been called to the Pioneer Club only twice this year, said Capt. Matt Hicks. But Saturday's response was ample. Almost every on-duty officer in the area was called to help, Hicks said. "The crowd became hostile to the officers." The officers said they were pushed & one was struck

in the face by a 300-pound employee of the bar, Geoffrey Pierce, 32, court records show. Pierce allegedly tried to keep police out of the bar & also yelled profanities at them. Police shot their Taser guns 3 times at Pierce & arrested him for 2 counts of battery on a law enforcement officer, obstructing police, & not allowing them access to the bar. Motorcycle gangs have yet to be a problem in Twin Falls County, said Prosecutor Grant Loebs. Pierce bonded out of jail & could not be reached Monday for comment. His next hearing is set for Aug. 8. The bar's owner refused to comment Monday. According to media reports, Hells Angels must be white, with H-D motorcycles, & without any history of molesting children or law enforcement work.

Police presence was a bit much – July 29, 2008 – *Ohio* – By Myra Warne - I attended the Vietnam Veterans Bike Show this weekend, the same one that was chased out of Putnam by elitist landowners. The event is important to me because I am an avid rider & because my brother was a charter member - one of a "bunch of guys who each threw in \$100" to start the event more than 25 years ago. The show was well attended & enjoyable. I noticed one big difference from the Putnam days though. You would have thought there was a terrorist organization in town from the look of the law enforcement. There were ZPD cars parked throughout the event & officers (uniformed & plain clothes) in bullet proof vests working as if to expect some major crime. My research shows that the average income of a Harley owner is more than \$80,000 & the average owner is over the age of 40. These are people with professional jobs, mortgages, children & grandkids. The event had the look of law enforcement on prom night. We are told not to "profile" people because of their race or religion. What about profiling people because of their chosen pastime or mode of transportation? The event moved to Zane's Landing at the invitation of our Mayor, who at the time promised to "do whatever he could" to make it a success. Is that the same Mayor who ordered "extra" police presence at the event? Were other law enforcement priorities set aside? I was the victim of two crimes in the past month. Were the police more interested in harassing Harley riders than preventing crime? Or were these just the officers who are normally parked in local business parking lots to write income generating speeding tickets? I cannot blame an officer for doing his or her job, or the Safety Director for following the Mayor's directive. However, had this been a religious rally, would the extra police presence have been ordered? Just how welcome are these income-producing events in our economically challenged city? Perhaps we should be rolling out the welcome mat for area bikers who come & spend their money instead of rolling out the police force.

The Preacher & the Lawn Mower: A preacher was making his rounds on a bicycle, when he came upon a little boy trying to sell a lawn mower. "How much do you want for the mower?" asked the preacher. "I just want enough money to go out & buy me a bicycle," said the little boy. After a moment of consideration, the preacher asked, "Will you take my bike in trade for it?" The little boy asked if he could try it out first, and, after riding the bike around a little while, said, "Mister, you've got yourself a deal." The preacher took the mower & began to crank it. He pulled on the rope a few times with no response from the mower. The preacher called the little boy over & said, "I can't get this mower to start." The little boy said, "That's because you have to cuss at it to get it started." The preacher said, "I can't cuss. It's been so long since I became a Christian that I don't even remember how to cuss." The little boy looked at him happily & said, "You just keep pulling on that rope. It'll come back to ya."

Horry releases report on bike rallies – July 29, 2008 - *South Carolina* - By Mike Cherney - Horry County spent \$330,000 on police overtime & other public safety expenses during the May motorcycle rallies, & vendor permits brought in \$340,000 in revenues, according to a report released today by the county's public safety Dept. During the H-D spring rally, from May 9 to May 18, the report estimated that between 225,000 & 275,000 people attended. During the Atlantic Beach Bikefest, from May 22 to May 26, between 250,000 & 275,000 people showed up. The report also made recommendations on how to improve the county's police coverage of the rallies, such as better coordination with other law enforcement agencies, staffing some police cars with two officers & improving maintenance of road message signs. The report showed that of the 150 people injured in motorcycle accidents during the H-D spring rally, only 15 percent of them wore a helmet. During the Atlantic Beach Bikefest, only 5 percent of the 128 injured bikers wore helmets. During the H-D spring rally, county officers wrote more than 2,300 citations, more than double from 2007, the report said. About 1,500 citations were issued during the Atlantic Beach Bikefest, also more than double than in 2007. Four people were killed in accidents during the 2008 rallies.

Biker in meth bust brought to NWI – July 29, 2008 - *Indiana* - By Joe Carlson - A high-ranking motorcycle gang leader accused of dealing large quantities of methamphetamines is finally back in Northwest Indiana, where he was indicted in June on a narcotics trafficking charge. Timothy "Beefy" Bartruff, 50, was arraigned Monday in U.S. District Court on charges of conspiring to manufacture & possess methamphetamines as part of a network in southern Porter County & Newton & Jasper counties. The former Kouts man was the national president of the Indiana-based Invaders motorcycle gang in the 1980s, before he went to prison for dealing in methamphetamines, news accounts from the time say. Prosecutors in this summer's case have said many of the people affiliated with the conspiracy were either Invaders members or associates. Gang gear decorated with swastikas & Invaders logos was recovered from one of the alleged meth labs in Kouts. Bartruff was arrested in St. Louis in June on the latest meth charges, which involved scores of arrests across northern Indiana & in Chicago, St. Louis & Denver. Bartruff was extradited last week to northern Indiana, as one of the 37 people charged in an investigation involving undercover informants & a large number of tapped phone calls.

Biker party monitored – July 29, 2008 - *Canada* – By Matthew Claxton - The Hells Angels partied at their Langley CH, while surrounded by police on the weekend. There were "absolutely no incidents to speak of" during the weekend, said Langley RCMP Peter Thiessen. While there was no violence or arrests, neighbor Roger Pinette noted one moment of heated words between the bikers & police when a police officer climbed on the hood of a large Ford F-6500 pickup parked beside the road to remove a B.C. vehicle inspection sticker. "All hell broke loose," said Pinette. A crowd of bikers came out of the compound & started yelling at the police, & the truck's owner phoned his lawyer. The bikers eventually moved the truck into the compound. The police kept the Hells Angels under a close watch during the Sat & Sun event celebrating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the White Rock, Nanaimo, & Vancouver chapters of the biker gang. About 130 additional officers were in Langley just for the party, Thiessen said. The officers came from around the Lower Mainland & from across the country, including anti-gang officers from as far away as Ontario. They mirrored the migration of Hells

Angels, who came from across the country for the event. There were an estimated 300 to 500 bikers at the party, said Thiessen.

Extra patrols for biker festival – July 29, 2008 - *England* - Extra police officers will be on patrol & roads will be shut as part of a "significant policing operation" around a biker festival, a force has said. Warwickshire Police had urged councillors not to grant a licence for next month's Bulldog Bash, fearing reprisals for a shooting last year. Gerry Tobin, 35, of south-east London, was shot on the M40 after last August's event. Seven men deny his murder. Officers said they would be searching people attending the festival. Stratford-upon-Avon District Council went ahead & gave permission for the event to go ahead, despite the police force's concerns. **Public safety:** The Bulldog Bash, held at Long Marston airfield, will take place from 7 to 10 August. A total of 5 roads around the site will be shut, & officers will also be using registration plate recognition technology to check vehicles on roads leading to the event. Asst Chf Con Bill Holland said: "Warwickshire Police is committed to protecting the community from harm & we believe that the road closures are necessary to ensure maximum effectiveness for the policing operation. "We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause & would like to assure residents & businesses that we will do everything in our power to keep disruption to a minimum whilst maintaining public safety."

Well liked motorcyclist injured – July 29, 2008 - *Montana* - By Rick Weaver - Clifton Baldwin, "Click" as he known by his friends, had a very serious motorcycle accident in Montana today. Baldwin, who is from Gastonia, NC, is a well-known H-D dealer, former custom bike builder, member of the Hamsters MC, & supporter of various charities. Click is also very well known to the NASCAR world. His dealership, Carolina-H-D, is one of the premiere providers of motorcycles to many NASCAR drivers, team owners, & employees. Click has had a long friendship with driver Kyle Petty & is a big supporter of Petty's Annual Charity Ride, The Victory Junction Gang, Speedway Children's Charities, & other charitable organizations. Click's family is en route to Montana this afternoon on the Petty Enterprise's Corporate Jet. Details are still coming in, & I will update any changes.

Well liked motorcyclist Dies – July 30, 2008 - *Montana* - By Rick Weaver - Officials from the St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, Montana have confirmed that Clifton Baldwin, "Click" as he known by his friends, passed away last night after sustaining fatal injuries in motorcycle accident in Lolo, Montana while traveling to South Dakota to attend the 68th annual Sturgis Rally.

Paying at the pump – July 30, 2008 – *Minnesota* - This email is from the St. Cloud Police Dept. Please read if you use your credit/debit card when paying for gas at the pump. With the price of gas & people getting desperate, this is likely to occur more often. A party used her credit card to pay at the pump. She received her receipt. However, when she checked her credit card statement, there were two \$50.00 charges added in addition to her purchase. Upon investigation, we found that because she did not push the 'clear' button on the pump, the employee inside the store was able to use her card to purchase his/her own gas. To keep this from happening, after you get your receipt, you must press the 'clear' button or your information will be stored until the next customer inserts their card. Joe Cordie; St. Cloud Police Dept.

Bike Blast '08 – July 30, 2008 – *New York* - By Rikki Cason - Event to benefit WNY Food Bank. Members of the Buffalo chapter of the Vietnam Vets & Legacy Vets MC will be hosting their seventeenth annual Vets BBQ Bike Blast '08 on Sat, Aug. 2.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation – July 30, 2008 – *Washington, DC* – By Jeff Hennie, MRF VP of Gov't Relations - The Motorcycle Riders Foundation reports that language similar to the HIPAA loophole-fix language contained in HR 1076 may be offered by the bill's sponsor to a piece of legislation being worked on by the US House Energy & Commerce committee, as previously reported by the MRF. While we are not privy to private negotiations between committee leadership & the bill's sponsor, we are cautiously optimistic that language that would be of benefit to motorcyclists would be included. The MRF has been aggressively lobbying committee members & staff to encourage this. You may recall reading about an amendment offered in a committee mark up two weeks ago - that would have closed the loophole - that allows for insurance companies to refuse benefits for an injury, based on the source of the injury. It's what is known in the insurance industry as a "source of injury exclusion". The amendment, offered by Dr. Michael Burgess (R-TX) was ruled not germane by Chairman Dingell (D-MI) & struck down. Upon closer examination, it was brought to light that in fact the amendment was germane, so germane that the Chairman admitted he was wrong, that he was embarrassed by the oversight & wanted to correct his mistake. At that point the committee had dispensed of the bill leaving the fate of the amendment up to the House Rules committee, the last committee to consider any legislation before full consideration of the House. A few options remain. Chairman Dingell, the Ranking Republican on the Committee, Mr. Barton (R-TX) & the amendment author, Mr. Burgess, have all signed off on a process agreement & a recommendation to the Rules committee to include the amendment before the measure is voted on before the full House of Representatives. The MRF will notify you if & when the legislation comes before the House for a vote. This positive news puts HR 1076 one step closer to becoming law. However much remains to be seen from the Rules committee, the Senate (S 616) & ultimately the White House.

New One-Percent Club book – July 30, 2008 – *California* - Jus Brothers MC - Just an FYI for those of you that like a good book. This one covers the start up & climb for the first 17 years of the J.B.M.C. told by their founder. A Road Without End, The Jus Brothers MC, 1990-2007. It's a decent read with lots of photos. Check it out at Ebay where an autographed copy can be had or Amazon.com publishamerica.com or most any bookstore.

Me & my pal Mom Boucher – July 30, 2008 - *Canada* - By Paul Cherry - Former cop, Hells affiliate paroled; Lepage tells how he grew close to biker boss Hanging out with Hells Angels like Maurice (Mom) Boucher comes with perks. Or, at least, that's how Guy Lepage, a former cop serving a 10-year sentence for drug trafficking, saw things when he was drawn into the bikers' life of crime 20 years ago. Lepage, 61, discussed his past relationship with the Hells Angels leader at length yesterday during a National Parole Board hearing at a minimum-security penitentiary in Laval. He was granted day parole, his first release since being arrested in December 2001 & extradited to the United States, where he pleaded guilty to helping the Hells Angels buy cocaine from a Colombian drug cartel & ship more than 1,600 kilograms of the drug to Florida in 1997 & 1998. He was transferred back to the Canadian prison system in 2005. The drugs were destined for Montreal while the city witnessed a bloody biker gang war. Lepage was sent to Colombia by Boucher & other members of the Hells Angels to oversee 5 large shipments of the drug. Lepage told parole board members Denis Couillard & Michel Pallascio that despite his involvement with the bikers, he never considered himself part of the Hells Angels. But he did

acknowledge being Boucher's friend. Even though they grew up in the same neighbourhood in eastern Montreal, the two only met in 1987, Lepage said. At the time, Lepage was running a disco in Sorel & Boucher was beginning his ascent toward becoming the most powerful Hells Angel in Quebec. Couillard asked Lepage to explain how one can go from protecting society as a police officer to being someone who thinks nothing of breaking its laws. "How did you go from one extreme to the other?" he asked. Lepage explained that the Hells Angels put him "on a pedestal" & made him feel important. It was clear his experience as a police officer & good name were valuable assets to Boucher. "I don't know if it was his charm or something else. He had this charisma," Lepage said of Boucher, who is serving three life sentences for ordering the deaths of prison guards in an attempt to intimidate Quebec's justice system. "It's hard to explain. (The Hells Angels) sought me out by giving me gifts, taking me out to dinner. It gave me value. It impressed me. To be frank, I never questioned it."

Biker busted – July 30, 2008 – *Canada* - Just six days after police seized the club house belonging to the London chapter of the Hells Angels MC, police have charged a full-patch Hells Angels member with multiple drug charges following a collaborative police search warrant at a London home, Tue. Members of the Biker Enforcement Unit & Project Disarm executed a search warrant at a Richmond Street address at 6:30 p.m. A male was arrested at the residence & officers seized a total of \$24,799 worth of drugs from the residence, police said. Included in the drug seizure was 404.9 grams of marijuana, 1,216 ecstasy pills, 265.5 grams of powdered ecstasy, 119 grams of hashish, 23 grams of powdered cocaine & 18.5 grams of crack cocaine. Police also seized \$2,220.65 in cash, ammunition & body armour. Frank Strauss, 33, of London, who police say is a full-patch member of the London Hells Angels, is charged with two counts of breaching a recognizance, possession of powdered cocaine for the purpose of trafficking, possession of crack cocaine for the purpose of trafficking, possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking, possession of ecstasy for the purpose of trafficking, possession of powdered ecstasy for the purpose of trafficking & possession of hashish for the purpose of trafficking. Just last week (July 23) officers with the Provincial Asset Forfeiture Unit & the Provincial Biker Enforcement Unit seized the Hells Angels club house at 14 Swinyard St., enforcing a preservation order obtained by the Ministry of the Attorney General under the Civil Remedies Act.

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

- 1) Argued over nothing.
 - 2) Refused to apologize when obviously wrong.
 - 3) Gained weight.
 - 4) Talked excessively without making sense.
 - 5) Became overly emotional.
 - 6) Couldn't drive.
 - 7) Failed to think rationally.
 - 8) Had to sit down while urinating.
- No further testing was considered necessary.

Reward fails to help – July 30, 2008 – *Australia* – By Martin Watters - Police are no closer to solving an 8-year-old Geelong murder despite posting a \$500,000 reward for information. Melbourne's homicide squad yesterday again appealed for help to solve the murder of Whittington security guard Earl Mooring, 54, on Oct 10, 2000. And they believe one man, who was present when Mooring was killed at a rural property, might hold the key. The Bandidos bikie gang was last year linked to the murder after several members were interviewed but the outlaw group yesterday denied any connection. A Bandidos member said on national television last July that he helped dispose of Mooring's body after the security guard was tortured. One police officer has refused to drop the case but yesterday Det-Sgt Tony Thatcher admitted he had found nothing but dead ends. This is despite police increasing the reward for information on the cold case from \$100,000 to \$500,000 in Dec last year. To lure potential witnesses Det-Sgt Thatcher yesterday reminded the public of the substantial reward. He said solving the cold case could depend on one man coming forward. "We're yet to identify a male person that was co-incidentally at the rural property when Mooring was killed," he said. "Our information was that he didn't take an active role in the shed at the premises, he's a person of interest or a witness rather than a suspect. "We'd like to speak to him & it goes without saying he could really crack the case." Bandidos' National Secretary Kim Sloan yesterday said police had not re-interviewed bikie gang members since last year. Sloan said the Bandidos were not involved in the murder. "I've got no idea about it; none of us know the guy," he said. "It's very frustrating because we don't know anything about it."

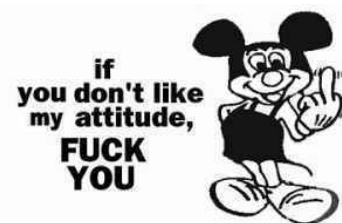
ID devices – July 30, 2008 – *Australia* – By Ronan O'Connell - WA Police believe embedding electronic identification tags on motorcycles will stop riders escaping speed camera fines & reduce the State's high rate of motorcycle deaths. Insp. Neil Royle, from the traffic enforcement group, said the devices would enable speed cameras to instantly identify a passing bike's licensing details. He said the lack of identifying details on the front of motorcycles meant riders were escaping thousands of Multanova fines a year and, as a result, many were risking their lives through routine speeding & reckless driving because they felt "above the law". Already this year, 17 motorcycle riders had died on WA roads & police believed speed had been a factor in nine of those fatal crashes. Front nbr plates have not been required on motorcycles for more than 20 years after a coronial finding that a metal motorcycle plate decapitated a pedestrian. In July 2002, then police minister Michelle Roberts said the Labor Gov't was committed to solving the issue of motorcycle identification. But 6 years on, after trials of stick-on & plastic number plates & \$75,000 dual-lens cameras which shoot from the front & back, nothing has changed. Insp. Royle said the tags, which cost just \$55 & are used in Victoria to identify vehicles as they pass through toll ways, could drastically reduce motorcycle deaths. Motorcyclists represented about 3% of all licensed vehicles in WA but accounted for 16% of fatalities. "This technology, if adapted for speed cameras, could make huge inroads into our road toll & would result in a positive change of attitude & behavior among motorcyclists," he said. "There are riders who clearly do as they please on our roads because they feel they can't be caught because of the lack of a front identifier. It is one of the major issues we face in regards to road safety & something that needs to be tackled quickly." Motorcycle Riders Association WA branch president David Wright said he knew nothing about electronic tags but thought they were a good idea. They did not pose the same problems as front number plates, which affected aerodynamics, could be deliberately covered by a rider using his

hands or feet & were a safety hazard. Shadow police minister Murray Cowper said it was a "disgrace" that the Gov't had not implemented a motorcycle identification system six years after it promised to. Police Minister John Kobelke said yesterday the Gov't would consider the use of identification tags. It is understood the Gov't intends to provide police with dual lens cameras but the number is still being considered. They are unlikely to be used before the end of the year.

Men caught in a tight spot – July 30, 2008 – *Jamaica* - The sex appeal of seeing a risk-taking, leather-clad man speeding through traffic on his motorcycle could be to his detriment, as scientific studies have shown that riding motorcycles & bicycles for extended periods can have a devastating effect on a man's ability to reproduce & even sustain sexual performance. According to Dr Andre McDonald, a medical doctor & nutritional consultant, research indicates that men who ride for more than 3,000 miles per year are at risk for low sperm count, infertility, ejaculatory & erectile dysfunction. McDonald says this is caused by the increased heat & pressure on the testes, the scrotum, the urethra & the varicocele (a network of veins which carries blood away from the testicles & back up into the body). "There is a 30% chance of a man with a low sperm count actually being able to impregnate a woman, if he has a number of at least 10-13 million sperm," McDonald said. He also reported that men who wear tight pants might be affected. "There are many studies which show that a tight brief or tight jeans worn for an extended period can affect the sperm count," McDonald told The Gleaner. However, the nutritional consultant said there is no level one evidence (which is the highest level of medical research) to confirm the studies in this regard. Nevertheless, he recommends that men wear their clothing as loosely as possible to avoid the adverse effects.

MC hitting the road – July 30, 2008 – *Barbados* (Caribbean Sea) - Unity Is Strength - That's the motto of the now official Barbados MC which was founded in 2004 by Pres Raymond Belgrave & Michael Roach & finally launched on Sat fortnight. "It was hard to get the guys together, because of different hang-ups," Belgrave recently told Nationsport. Noting that his aim was to "bring about unity among the bikers in Barbados", he said there was a need in the community for bikers to get together as they did in the larger countries. He said the Barbados MC offers myriad benefits on acquiring membership, including the power to lobby Government & insurance companies to reduce rates, membership to the Barbados Motorcycle School, help with fund-raising for charities, & the opportunity to meet with visiting international riders. The club also plans to host various events, including an Iron Man Ride, which will involve every type of motorcycle in Barbados riding around the island. Belgrave said the organization, which currently has temporary headquarters at Demario's Cycle World, boasts 110 members & there has been burgeoning interest since the official launch.

Free tickets: I have 4 extra tickets for the Robbie Kniveel (son of Evil Kniveel) event at the American Airlines Center this weekend if anybody wants them. He's going to try to jump 5,000 Obama supporters with a bulldozer. Should be a good time.



2 arrested in Fed raids – July 31, 2008 – *Illinois* - Two heavily armed SWAT teams patrolled Division Street outside a building where the banner of the Chicago chapter of the Outlaws MC -- red & black with a sinister-looking skull - was draped. Fed agents appeared to be searching inside the building, while a sand-colored Humvee blocked an alley outside. Officials declined to say exactly what they were looking for in the numerous searches which according to FBI spokesman Frank Bochte took place over an area stretching from Kankakee to Elgin & suburban Cook County. The raids were staged jointly by the FBI & the ATF, ATF spokesman Tom Ahern said. Two people were arrested, he said. Ahern declined to give names or specify the charges but did indicate that additional information would become available Thursday when the two are due to appear before a Fed magistrate judge. Randall Samborn, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago, declined to comment.

MC raids in Chicago – July 31, 2008 – *Illinois* - The Outlaws MC motto is: "God forgives, Outlaws don't." On Wed afternoon at several Outlaws venues in the Chicagoland area, Fed agents arrived with search warrants, not forgiveness. A series of coordinated raids from Kankakee Country to the north suburbs were led by FBI agents & investigators from the ATF, according to a high-ranking Fed source in Chicago. Numerous Outlaws bikers were arrested during the Fed raids that have in the past targeted a variety of suspected illegal activities from meth-amphetamines & other illegal drugs to weapons trafficking, burglary & murder. Heavily-armed Fed SWAT officers were seen in camouflage & were backed up by local police in some raid locations. It is part of an ongoing, nationwide law enforcement initiative targeting the violent gang. Similar operations were conducted last year in Detroit & Boston. Dozens of indictments followed the raids there, charging racketeering, illegal drug distribution & firearms violations. The Outlaws MC has been identified by the FBI as an international criminal organization whose members engage in acts of violence, including murder, attempted murder, assault, narcotics distribution, & firearms & gambling offenses. The Outlaws are a structured & hierarchical gang, much like the Chicago Outfit, divided into multiple regions in the US. The Outlaws also have members outside the U.S. in Europe, Asia & Canada. The organization, which began in the Chicago suburb of McCook 75 years ago, have a long-standing violent history with the Hells Angels MC, including assaults/batteries, shootings & fatalities.

Feds raid MC – July 31, 2008 – *Chicago, Illinois* -By John Garcia, WLS – FBI & ATF agents raided a motorcycle club on Division Street on the city's West Side. It was a major show of force with heavily armed ATF & FBI officers surrounding the Outlaws MC in the 3700-block of West Division. They had a Fed search warrant looking for evidence of illegal activity inside, although the feds have refused to specify exactly what type of illegal activity they were looking into. They did, however, have a couple dozen officers & a military-style Humvee in the back alley just in case things got out of hand. Neighbors say all of this is a big surprise to them. "We have good neighbors. But you never know what is behind the good neighbors, you know what I mean? There are closed doors so they don't know what's going on over here, & we don't know what's going on over there. But they are looking for something," said neighbor Frank Delgadillo. It is apparently one of several locations that officers were looking into as part of the warrant. It is not clear & they have not said what, if anything, they were able to find during the investigation.

FBI raids headquarters of MC – July 31, 2008 – *Illinois* - By Mike Lyons & Lee Provost - With an FBI plane slowly circling downtown Kankakee Wed afternoon, a score of heavily-armed FBI agents stormed the South Washington Avenue headquarters of the Outlaws MC. It was one of several Fed raids in the greater Chicagoland area by agents of the FBI & ATF, said Frank Bochte, spokesman for the FBI's Chicago Division. At least two men were seen being taken away in handcuffs from the building at 897 S. Washington Ave. Kankakee police blocked South Washington Avenue from West Charles to West Water streets as FBI SWAT team members ordered the Center of Hope Food Pantry, located next door to the biker den, to lock its doors, keeping patrons inside when the 1:15 p.m. raid commenced. Overhead a FBI plane made slow circles around downtown Kankakee. About a score of FBI agents, clad in military helmets, flak vests & olive drab combat gear patrolled the alley & street with MP5 submachine guns at the ready. Weapons & drugs are the frequent targets of such raids. For a time, FBI agents in the alley busied themselves trying to find water for a pit bull that had been chained outside the club's alley door about two weeks ago. A police source said the club had occupied the site for about 2 years but didn't put a sign outside until last fall. An iron gate was also installed across the front entrance. "It struck me as odd they'd put a big iron gate up. It made you wonder, what's in there?" said Theresa Burgard, a 15-year resident who lives in a neat brick home about a block from the biker den. Burgard said she's experienced no trouble from the Outlaws & said they'd been quiet neighbors, "except they make a lot of noise when they leave," she said, a reference to the sounds of gaggle of H-D's in full cry. She noted the only activity seen at the site appeared normal, with one apparent club member cooking chicken outside near the alley with a small child nearby. Burgard said Kankakee police regularly patrol the neighborhood & do a good job keeping the neighborhood quiet. She noted that the pit bull was moved in just 2 weeks ago, a young dog that cried for a time but not recently. Not everyone whose lives were interrupted by the raid took it in stride. "It's ignorant," said John Diekman, of Bourbonnais, who along with his wife Sylvia, had gone to the food pantry for supplies. But their arrival came during the time the pantry was locked down. He left when the pantry's regular 1:30 p.m. closing time arrived. "They (the FBI) should have waited until after 1:30 p.m.," said Diekman, adding there are a lot of people in need of the pantry's services in view of the current economy. Renita Williams, executive director of the Compassionate Ministry Center for Hope food pantry, said the FBI did allow the 30 to 50 clients to leave & allowed some latecomers to get supplies before the pantry's 1:30 p.m. closing time arrived. "They were really nice about it," Williams said of the agents. "They were making sure no one got hurt. They did a very good job. Very professional." She said the Outlaws had never been a problem for the pantry & she noted no noise problems.

Jackson was in Sears. He was there to protest the fact that most of the washing machines were white. So the clerk called the store manager, who asked, 'What's the problem here, Reverend?' Jesse pointed at the machines & loudly bemoaned the fact that most of them were white. The manager replied, 'Well, Reverend, it's true that most of the washing machines are white, but if you'll open the lids, you'll see that all the agitators are black.'

In a recent survey, people from Detroit have proved to be the most likely to have had sex in the shower! In the survey, carried out for leading toiletries firm 'Brut', a huge 86% of Detroit residents said that they have enjoyed sex in the shower. The other 14% said they hadn't been to prison...

Consenting to be abused - July 31, 2008 – *Chicago, Illinois* –

By Steve Chapman - If I approach as you pull into a parking space & ask if you'd mind my rummaging through your car, the chances are at least 90% that you'd decline. But if a police officer stops you with the same request, the chances are higher than 90% that you'd agree. Something about that badge makes citizens eager to be helpful. Or maybe not. In civics class & 4th of July speeches, we are told that American democracy rests on the consent of the governed. But interactions with the police serve as a useful reminder that Gov't rests less on voluntary cooperation than on fear & force. A nation is free to the extent it prevents the rulers from bullying & coercing the ruled. By that standard, American society still has a way to go. The other day, the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois issued a report on "consent searches" that sometimes accompany traffic stops. Relying on data provided by local & state law enforcement agencies, the report documented that black & Hispanic drivers are much more likely than whites to suffer such invasions—even though the cars of minorities are far less likely to yield contraband. These treasure hunts are called "consent searches" because they require the motorist to give permission. They take place only when the police officer has no grounds for suspicion. If he has probable cause, he doesn't have to ask. Only when he's acting out of a vague hunch, racial prejudice or simple malice does he need the driver's consent. But the term is fantastical in these instances. Stopped on a lonesome stretch of highway, at the mercy of an armed man who has the power to arrest, very few citizens feel free to refuse. The Illinois State Police report that 94% of white motorists & 96% of minority ones "consent" to such searches. Is that because they have nowhere else they'd rather be? Is it because they get a kick from watching a cop take apart their cars in an effort to put them behind bars? Or could it be because they suspect that refusing a cop is far too dangerous? More than 40 years ago, the Supreme Court ruled that before interrogating a suspect in custody, police have to provide the now-familiar warning: You have the right to remain silent; you have the right to an attorney; anything you say may be used against you. Said the court, "The atmosphere & environment of incommunicado interrogation as it exists today is inherently intimidating & works to undermine the privilege against self-incrimination." Only a firm safeguard, in the form of the magic words, could "dispel the compulsion inherent" in these situations. The same inherent compulsion exists in traffic stops, but the court declined to follow its own logic. So the 4th Amendment ban on unreasonable searches is virtually meaningless on the roadside. But the court's myopia is no reason a state can't abandon this obvious abuse on its own. As it happens, "consent searches" are a fool's errand. Fully 94% of the time, state police discover nothing illegal - meaning they inconvenience & humiliate 16 innocent people for every guilty one they turn up. Nor is the Land of Lincoln unique. When the Texas legislature took up a bill limiting such searches, the TX Municipal Police Association admitted that "the vast majority of the time, we found nothing." Other states have found that effective law enforcement doesn't demand hassling citizens who have done nothing suspicious. In 2002, New Jersey's state Supreme Court recognized the obvious: these searches are "not voluntary because people feel compelled to assent." It ruled that police may not search a car without "an articulable suspicion that the search will yield evidence of illegal activity." The following year, the Minnesota Supreme Court followed suit. Rhode Island banned them by statute in 2004. As the ACLU argues, abolition is the only solution. In Illinois, the burden of these searches falls disproportionately on racial minorities, but achieving perfect racial equity would not alter their oppressive nature. In a nation founded on respect for the rights of every person, these searches give all priority to the power &

convenience of the Gov't, while mocking the liberties we are supposed to have. Why would we consent to that?

Family holds out hope for solution to 1971 murder – July 31, 2008 - *Nevada* - The body of Gloria Jean Crummett was found on what would have been her 16th birthday in 1971 after a wildfire swept through the North Valleys. The passage of time hasn't diminished the hopes of her older sister, Madelyn Colautti-Leonard, that someone will finally come forward to tell what happened. "It was her birthday & she didn't contact anyone," Colautti-Leonard said of the July 26, 1971, discovery. "We just had a feeling." The investigation into the homicide of Crummett, killed by a blunt force to the back of her head, led to polygraph tests of more than 20 people, some with "deceptive" results. "Somebody in the group she hung out with knows what happened," Washoe County sheriff's Detective Tony Dilk said. "Either they were there or heard something & they were afraid to say." Colautti-Leonard said her sister was loyal to her friends to a fault & had run away from home after fighting with their mother who tried to prevent her from seeing them. She was reported missing July 16, 1971, & last seen July 17 in Sun Valley riding on the back of a motorcycle with a man. Police records show Crummett spent time with motorcycle gangs Hells Angels & Misfits. Motorcycle tracks were found near her body. Colautti-Leonard said her sister wore jeans, an olive green velour sweater & a large cross necklace on the day she ran away. Her family believed Crummett may have had a premonition because she told her grandfather: "If somebody ever finds me, they'll know it's me because of this cross." Crummett didn't carry identification & had never been fingerprinted. She liked to walk barefoot in the summer. Her shoes were found near the body. "We've always seen the hand of God in that brush fire because if it hadn't happened they might not have found her early enough to identify her," Colautti-Leonard said. "It always upset my mom that when they talked about unsolved cases they never mentioned Gloria," Colautti-Leonard said. "I'm starting to feel that way too. My mother never knew what happened to her when she died & I'd like to know before I go."

2-Time Killer – July 31, 2008 – *Florida* - On July 10, a jury took 45 minutes to find Harry Brian Taylor guilty of the hit-and-run death. Prosecutors contend that Taylor met John Michael Meek - called "Uncle Ugly" by his friends - in a Riverview bar in 2007 & grew agitated when Meek ignored his attempts at conversation. Taylor's friendly mood changed when Meek, 52, walked into the bar dressed in bluejeans, a black leather vest & a bandanna, witnesses testified during the trial. Taylor, witnesses said, made comments that Meek wasn't a real biker & that he could take the former wrestler in a fight. Both men left the bar about 3 a.m. Aug. 29. Meek left on his H-D. Taylor, 38, driving his GMC work van, left in the same direction as Meek. Minutes later, Meek was found on the road next to his damaged motorcycle. Prosecutors said he was rammed from behind & run over. He died about an hour after being struck. This will be Taylor's second trip to prison. In 1988, he pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, Assistant State Attorney Pam Bondi said. Taylor served 12 years of a 40-year sentence for stabbing a 60-year-old man in Ocala. Taylor was trying to steal the man's car. State law has changed since his previous conviction. Prisoners now must serve at least 85 percent of their sentences. Because of his life sentence, there is no possibility of parole for Taylor, prosecutors said.

Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he's too old to fight... He'll just kill you.

Hells Angels arrive – July 31, 2008 – *Montana* - Members of motorcycle club roar into town & order ... Kool-Aid ~ Dylan & Jase Lewis tend their East Missoula Kool-Aid stand with rapt attention, listening for the distant rumble of motorcycles. They dismiss a Honda Goldwing here, a “crotch rocket” there, but when the choppy clamor of a Harley Davidson V-twin two-banger crescendos to a deafening thunder, their eyes light up with cartoon dollar signs. One of the boys flips over a posterboard sign advertising “Jase & Dylan’s Kool-Aide” so that it reads “Welcome Hells Angels,” & a tattooed throng of leather-clad bikers is upon them, queuing up patiently before the juice jug with outstretched dollar bills. “They’ve learned to listen for that sound,” says Bev Lewis, the mother of Jase, 7, & Dylan, 11. As it turns out, members & prospects of the Hells Angels, the world’s most revered & feared motorcycle organization, are Kool-Aid winos, & Jase & Dylan peddle their drug of choice. Dylan took this valuable business lesson to heart in 2000, when the Hells Angels MC last visited the Garden City for its annual USA Run - an event that kicked off in Missoula for a second time on Wed. The last time the club was in town, Dylan & his older brother, Adam, set up a Kool-Aid command post along Highway 200 near their house, hoisted a “Welcome Hells Angels” sign in the air & cooled their heels on a card table. One of the first bikers who noticed the welcome wagon pulled over & told the brothers they couldn’t use the club’s trademarked name as a selling point. But moments later, as the boys were tearing down the stand, a chapter leader from Arizona drove up & granted them permission, even going as far to authenticate the operation by scribbling his signature on the posterboard. In less than two hours, they made nearly \$200 - after subtracting overhead costs for sugar, ice & drink packets - & learned a thing or two about the theory of supply & demand. As the bikers kept arriving, the siblings scrambled to fill & refill a Coleman thermos with bug juice & water, which they siphoned from a neighbor’s spigot. Meanwhile, the Angels accepted half-full Dixie cups & flipped the boys \$5 bills for their troubles (a cup of Kool-Aid costs 25 cents, but most club members tip around 1,000%). After about two hours, a Montana Highway Patrol trooper rolled up & ordered a drink, but said he had to shut down the booth because it was causing a traffic hazard. “It really turned them into little moneymakers,” Bev said Wed while supervising her boys in the Ole’s parking lot in East Missoula. “This year they were talking about raising their prices because of inflation. Kool-Aid is 25 cents a packet now, up from around 5 cents the last time. But they decided against it.” The Lewis brothers have a philanthropic side, too. In 2005, they set up shop selling lemonade & donated \$325 to the Red Cross to help support victims of Hurricane Katrina. But this week, it’s all about profits, & the brothers have remedied the parking problem by getting permission from the owner of Ole’s to use the lot. On Tue, Jase & Dylan capitalized on the prospects & recruits who drifted into town ahead of other club members to set up camp at Marshall Mountain, where members of the club are staying through the weekend. They had about a dozen customers, raking in \$30. After that refresher, the brothers can already recognize the poise of an Angel, & pick out nonmembers from a hundred feet away. “He’s got a helmet so he’s probably not a Hells Angel,” Dylan said Wed after assessing one approaching biker. But then came the payload, in the form of Oscar, a full member of the Hells Angels California Nomads who said he built up a tall thirst on Wed while bench-pressing 500 pounds at a local gym. Sitting back on his Harley, with ink-sleeved biceps the size of ponderosa tree trunks, & wearing a smile wider than the nearby Clark Fork River, Oscar called to Dylan. “Come here, man. As soon as I saw you with that sign, you broke my heart,” Oscar says. Dylan obliges, bringing Oscar a cup of Kool-Aid & a chocolate-

chip cookie. In exchange for the morsels, Oscar reaches toward the back of his bike, where his helmet is mounted, wrapped in a black T-shirt. “Take your shirt off, kid,” Oscar says. “What size are you?” “I don’t know. Ask her,” says Dylan, pointing to his mother as Oscar slips the oversized shirt over the boy’s slight frame. “Here, come get your tips,” Oscar says, handing his Kool-Aid cup to a prospective member while motioning to Jase & handing each of the brothers \$2. “We appreciate the welcome,” Oscar said before gunning his engine & roaring off toward Marshall Mountain as Dylan & Jase admired the gift. “It’s pretty cool,” Dylan said. “I’m definitely gonna wear it the next time I sell Kool-Aid.” The Lewis brothers will work through Friday, when Dylan goes to summer camp.

Greenbacks fall in gang crackdown - July 31, 2008 - *California*

- By Glenn Kahl - Gang markings - logos of street & outlaw motorcycle gangs brought down the layers of dollar bills on the back of the bar at the Extreme Sports Lounge Wed morning. The greenbacks decorated the bar from the counter level to the 12-foot ceiling surrounding the mirrors. The money has been donated to the Manteca Boys & Girls Club by the owners of the lounge. Taking part in removing & counting the money was Boys & Girls Executive Director & retired police chief Charlie Halford, Police Chief Dave Bricker, patrol officer Bill Walmer & public affairs officer Rex Osborn. It was a 1st step in a new police crackdown on the gang culture in the Manteca community. Lounge owner Sanghalee Lee & her husband Ray 1st allowed customers to put their bills up on the bar wall with their welcomed “good luck in your business” wishes. Times have changed since the couple opened their bar 5 years ago & now many of the logos penned on the \$1 bills & pesos identify outlaw motorcycle & street gang members as their customers. A nbr of the bills on the back bar wall were marked with “510” & “XIV” & other gang names designating different gang affiliations. Manteca Police spokesman Rex Osborn said undercover officers will be working in the bar at unspecified times in the future in an attempt to identify & contact known gang members who frequent the establishment. Osborn identified 1 of the motorcycle gangs as the West Side Locos. He said their marked bills & those of other gangs give the message that this bar is their bar. “The Lees don’t want to give that impression,” Osborn said. The bills - mostly “George Washingtons” - taken down from the bar were taken to a bank to be collated & sent to the Fed Reserve. The actual amount was uncertain as it was unclear whether all of the money was actually real. It was obvious that the one \$10 million bill was play money.

Patch ban a danger to police – July 31, 2008 - *New Zealand* - A

proposed law banning gang patches in public places would be ineffective & would result in police officers being attacked while enforcing it, says a former detective who is now a leading gang expert. Cam Stokes, who was Auckland’s top gang detective, told Parliament’s law & order select committee that while the ban was well-intentioned & would be popular with the public, it would not work. “Gang members are unlikely to surrender their ‘colours’ lightly, particularly when they know they have to forfeit them to the Crown,” he said. “Gang members are expected to do all they can to prevent this from happening. Good police officers are going to get hurt.” If passed, the Wanganui District Council (Prohibition of Gang Insignia) Bill would ban patches & even gang colours or tattoos in Wanganui. Police would be able to arrest the wearer, seize the offending items & impose a \$5000 fine. The measure could later be adopted by other places in New Zealand. Stokes told the Herald the proposed law was partly a product of Wanganui mayor Michael Laws’ “grandstanding”. He & another former gang detective appeared in secret before the

committee so investigative methods would not be revealed publicly, but his written submissions were made available. Stokes headed Auckland's motorcycle police gang unit when he quit, disillusioned with the police's lack of a coherent organised crime strategy. He is now a drug education consultant. He said his former police colleagues, particularly gang detectives, were against the bill because it would make gang members harder to identify & therefore investigate. He said valuable police resources would be wasted on court hearings; because gang members would do all they could to avoid losing their patches. Stokes said he had sympathy for the people of Wanganui, which has been beset with gang problems, but he did not believe anti-gang measures should be introduced "piecemeal". Police did not appear before the committee, but a delegation including Assistant Commissioner Grant Nicholls was present. The bill passed its 1st reading 106-13. The Greens, the Maori Party & Act opposed it.

2 bikies arrested over serious assault – July 31, 2008 - *Australia* - Sydney's west two outlaw motorcycle gang members have been arrested during a series of raids in Sydney's west this morning following an investigation into a serious assault. It will be alleged a 31-year-old man was seriously assaulted by up to 4 men, some of whom used batons to beat him, on Tuesday 1 July. The man was taken to Nepean Hospital where he underwent treatment over several days for a fractured skull, bleeding on the brain, a collapsed lung & severe bruising. As a result of extensive inquiries by detectives from the Penrith Local Area Command, Gangs Squad, & Firearms & Regulated Industries Crime Squad, three premises were raided simultaneously shortly after 6am today. A 47-year-old man was arrested by Tactical Operations Unit officers without incident inside a Severn Street residence & taken to Penrith Police Station for questioning. Meanwhile, a 50-year-old man who was arrested inside a neighboring clubhouse is also being questioned at Penrith Police Station. Search warrants are being executed at both premises, as well as a house in Weisel Place, Willmot. So far, officers have seized firearms & a crossbow; however, searches are continuing at the locations.

Chinese police destroy 14,277 'illegal' motorcycles – July 31, 2008 - *China* - Police in Yungang district, Shenzhen have in the last few months confiscated & destroyed 14,277 "illegal motorcycles," Danwei reports. Since 2003, when motorcycles were banned from much of downtown Shenzhen, 580,000 bikes have met the same fate. Most of China's major cities are preparing similar motorcycle crackdowns. Today's Daily Sunshine reported that 14,277 confiscated "illegal motorcycles" were destroyed by bulldozers in Yungang district, Shenzhen as part of the city's "motorcycle ban". The Shenzhen-based newspaper says that in April this year another 9,532 illegal motorcycles were wrecked in the same way. Shenzhen began taking steps to reduce the numbers of motorcycles in the city as early as 1995. In 1998, the city stopped allowing residents to register new motorcycles & in 2003, the city passed regulations banning motorcycles from most parts of the downtown area. Today's article says that since 2003 when the ban took effect, a total of over 580,000 motorcycles & electricity-powered bicycle have been confiscated. The Daily Sunshine article was unspecific about what constitutes an "illegal" motorcycles & how police go about confiscating them.

Off-Duty Officer Involved In Sturgis Shooting – August 9, 2008 (Saturday) – *Sturgis, South Dakota* – By Keoland dot com - Investigators say a law enforcement officer was the gunman involved in Saturday morning's shooting in Sturgis. Authorities say the officer with the "Iron Pigs" motorcycle club fired twice at

a member of "Hell's Angels" at a bar on main street in Sturgis. The shooting victim was taken to the hospital. No one involved was from South Dakota. No names have been released. Law enforcement officials in Seattle, Washington are confirming that the shooter was an off-duty Seattle police officer. The case is being turned over to the Meade County State's Attorney & a grand jury.

Who Are The 'Iron Pigs?' – August 10, 2008 (Sunday) – *Sturgis, South Dakota* – By Keoland dot com - This weekend's shooting of a member of Hell's Angels allegedly by an off-duty police officer is raising questions tonight about the "other" motorcycle club involved in that confrontation on Sturgis' Main Street. Investigators say the officer was a member of the "Iron Pigs" & fired his weapon twice, sending the Hell's Angels member to the hospital. The Iron Pigs is a name not very familiar with a lot of motorcyclists in South Dakota because the club does not list any chapters in the state. The club was founded in California in the year 2000. It has chapters in twenty-two states. The club is open to all law enforcement & firefighters who ride American-made V-Twin motorcycles. The police Dept in Seattle, Washington says one of it's officer's was involved in Saturday morning's shooting in Sturgis & that 4 other off-duty Seattle police officers were there at the time of the shooting.

Law officer shot Hells Angels member in Sturgis, police say - August 10, 2008 (Sunday) – *Sturgis, South Dakota* - By Ryan Woodard, Journal staff - A member of the Hells Angels motorcycle club was shot early Saturday morning at the Loud American Roadhouse on Main Street in Sturgis, Sturgis police said, & the Seattle Police Dept said one of its officers was involved. Police responded to the bar about 1 a.m. after reports of gunshots. They said later that two shots were fired. Police said Saturday morning that the victim, whom they did not identify, was hospitalized & that they had detained a member of the Iron Pigs motorcycle club as the possible shooter but on Saturday afternoon said there could be numerous suspects, that no one was in custody & no arrests had been made because they were still investigating. Sturgis Police Chief Jim Bush said police detained & questioned numerous people at the scene to determine who was a suspect & who was a witness. "We're still trying to ascertain for sure who did the shooting," Bush said Saturday evening. "We have suspects. We have a lot of information to put together." The Iron Pigs are a motorcycle club open to law enforcement & firefighters who ride American-made V-Twin bikes, according to the club's Web site. The person who fired the shots is a law enforcement officer, Sturgis police said in an afternoon press release, but they didn't release the names of anyone involved. The Seattle Police Dept issued a statement that one of its officers was involved in an off-duty shooting in Sturgis & that 4 other Seattle officers were present. The Seattle police chief dispatched a team of investigators Saturday night to Sturgis to gather information. "The Seattle Police Dept considers this a matter of utmost seriousness," the statement said. "All 5 officers will be placed on administrative reassignment (relieved of duty) pending further investigation by the South Dakota authorities." Between 400 & 500 people were in the bar at the time of the shooting, police said, & the rock band Judd Hoos was playing. Police told people to "hit the deck" after the shooting. Daytona Beach, Fla., resident Nick McCallum was working at a T-shirt shop across the street when he heard the shots. "It was pretty much pandemonium," he said. "The whole place just flooded out. A lot of people screaming, a bunch of craziness. I wasn't sure what it was." Dean Kinney, an owner of the bar, said that before the shooting, he & his employees noticed a number of Hells

Angels gathering in & outside of the bar & called police as a precaution, so extra officers were at the scene at the time of the shooting. Kinney, who was outside the bar during the shooting, said he was told that a scuffle broke out before the shots were fired. He said the police did a good job of controlling the scene quickly & said that he thought police had detained the shooter. "What I've been told is that our security guys identified him as the shooter," Kinney said. "I'm certain he never got out of the bar." The shooting victim was taken to a hospital & was still hospitalized as of Saturday afternoon, police said, though they would not say where. However, late-night conversations heard on the police scanner indicated the victim was taken to Rapid City Regional Hospital. At 1:32 a.m., a request was made for an airlift to Regional Hospital. Rapid City & Pennington County officers were directed to the Regional Hospital emergency room for "security issues." At 1:52 a.m., Black Hills LifeFlight advised that 4 people were on board coming from Sturgis & would be at Regional Hospital in eight minutes. At 1:58 a.m., Sturgis police advised Rapid City dispatch that there were "two or three Angels going to be with their buddy" at the hospital. If more than 4 arrived, they were to be directed to park at the hospital's rehabilitation unit parking lot, where police were waiting. Later in the night, police were tracking bikers on Interstate 90, checking for their gang "colors." At 3:10 a.m., three more bikers arrived at the emergency room, & an officer said: "They are aware of the rules in the E.R. We're not expecting more, but you never know." Some officers were released from their security posts, & others were told to adjust their positions so they could see into the waiting room. The Sturgis Police Dept is investigating the shooting, along with federal, state & county law enforcement agencies. Chief Bush said the last shooting that occurred in Sturgis during a rally was in 1990 inside Gunner's Lounge, also involving 2 motorcycle clubs. Kinney said the fight & shooting were unusual for his bar. "In the years we have been doing this, we have almost no trouble during the rally," Kinney said. "It was surreal, that's for sure." Bush said the incident is not related to the biker-gang shooting in Custer State Park during the 2006 Sturgis motorcycle rally. As a result of that incident, Hells Angels members Chad Wilson, 32, of Lynnwood, Wash., a suburb of Seattle, & John Midmore, 34, of Valparaiso, Ind., were arrested, accused of shooting at members of the Outlaws biker gang & others Aug. 8, 2006, at Legion Lake Resort in Custer State Park. Five people were wounded in that shooting, but all lived. Wilson & Midmore are scheduled to go on trial on numerous felony charges in November.

Seattle officer involved in biker shooting was disciplined before - Detective taunted football fans, reportedly made threat – August 11, 2008 – *Sturgis, South Dakota* - By Hector Castro & Brad Wong; Seattelpi dot com ... The Seattle police officer who reportedly shot a known member of the Hells Angels motorcycle gang at a weeklong rally in South Dakota was previously disciplined, once for taunting fans at a football game & another time for allegedly threatening to shoot a restaurant manager who had asked him to leave. Police officials have not released the name of the officer involved in the shooting, or 4 other officers with him at the time, but sources have confirmed he is a 43-year-old detective who works for the Seattle police Pawn Shop Squad & is a police guild board member. The officer also is known throughout the Dept as an avid motorcycle rider. South Dakota investigators have obtained videotape of the shooting that Seattle union leaders believe will exonerate the officer of any wrongdoing in the altercation that left a Hells Angels member wounded. "I think it's going to be pretty evident that the officer was fearful of his safety & life & that's why he had to fire," said

Sgt. Rich O'Neill, president of the Seattle Police Officers' Guild. O'Neill said Seattle officers are now concerned for all of their safety because of the Hells Angels' reputation of violent retaliation if one of their members is attacked. "There is a real threat," he said. Authorities have said the officer & 4 others at the scene all identified themselves as members of the Iron Pigs, a motorcycle club made up mostly of police officers & firefighters. Of the other 4 officers at the scene, one has been identified as a sergeant who at one time ran the security detail for former Seattle Mayor Norm Rice. The two men were with a group of officers who had traveled to Sturgis, S.D., to join the annual motorcycle rally there. The shooting happened around 1 a.m. Saturday at the Loud American Roadhouse, a popular bar that held as many as 500 patrons at the time. Sturgis police reported that there was an altercation between some Hells Angels gang members in the bar & members of the Iron Pigs, all of them Seattle police officers on vacation. Authorities have not said what led to the confrontation, though sources said it might have been sparked because the officers were displaying colors or other identifying markings associated with their club. At some point, the confrontation became physical, & one of the officers allegedly fired two shots, striking & wounding one of the Hells Angels. O'Neill said he spoke with some of the officers who attended the Sturgis motorcycle rally & that based on early indications, he believes the officer was defending himself from a "completely unprovoked" attack that might have involved choking. "It's unfortunate that it had to end like this," O'Neill said. "All the same, the indications are that somebody was totally jumped & beaten. If that's what the investigation says, they have a right to defend themselves." Seattle Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske has relieved all 5 officers of duty, pending the outcome of the investigation by South Dakota authorities, according to a statement released on Saturday. The chief also sent a team of detectives to Sturgis to learn more about the incident, including homicide Lt. Jim Dermody, homicide detectives & a sergeant with the Office of Professional Accountability. The team arrived Saturday, but there was no information available on Sunday as to what they might have learned. "Our job isn't to interfere with the investigation, but to gather information for our internal purposes," said Seattle police spokesman Sean Whitcomb. The group of Seattle officers has attended past Sturgis motorcycle gatherings without problems, O'Neill said. Federal law allows off-duty officers to carry their guns, & the Seattle Police Dept's manual gives each officer the option to carry one while off duty. "One of the reasons for that federal law is that police officers, unlike anyone else, are almost on duty all the time," he said. "You never know when you might run into someone who you arrested." All are looking forward to "getting back to this side of the mountains," he said. The officer implicated in the shooting has not been arrested or charged with any crime, but has been disciplined in the past. The detective was suspended for 2 days for conduct unbecoming an officer during a Seahawks football game on Jan. 8, 2005. He arrested a fan he said had assaulted him, but other witnesses said the officer's comments at the conclusion of a game the Seahawks lost to the Rams had provoked the crowd. He allegedly taunted the Seahawks fans by pretending to cry like a baby & yelling out, "Go Rams." The man he arrested had objected, yelled at him and, during a melee, the detective was struck with a megaphone the man was holding. The officer contended the man had assaulted him & so arrested him, but other witnesses said the blow was accidental. According to the city's investigation documents on the matter, a witness told investigators, "'Had the officer not said a word, it would never have happened.'" She adds police "are supposed to keep the peace, not rile up the crowd." The Dept disciplined the detective but continued to permit him to work off-

duty security at the football stadium if he worked in a different part of the field. On Aug. 12, 2005, he was again accused of getting into an altercation, that time at a Tacoma restaurant while off duty. He at one point allegedly threatened to shoot the restaurant manager, who had asked him to leave. According to internal documents, Tacoma city authorities declined to prosecute the officer, finding there was no evidence that he intended to carry out his threat, but he received a written reprimand for the incident. But at least one witness said most regular patrons of the restaurant knew he was a cop, & that he was known to always carry a gun. The police guild is offering moral support to the officer & his family, O'Neill said, & the union's attorney is aware of the shooting. "The decision to fire is up to each individual officer. Only you know when you feel the time is right & your life is in danger," he said, adding, "It's a traumatic incident any time someone has to fire a handgun."

Off-duty Seattle cop who shot Hells Angel feared for his life – August 11, 2008 (Monday) – *Sturgis, South Dakota* - By Jennifer Sullivan & Karen Gaudette; Seattle Times staff reporters -An off-duty Seattle police detective was being assaulted & feared for his life when he shot a member of the Hells Angels motorcycle club early Saturday during the famed annual biker rally in Sturgis, S.D., according to the president of the Seattle Police Officers' Guild. The detective, who works in the Dept's pawnshop unit & is an active member in the police union, told union President Rich O'Neill that he fired in self-defense, O'Neill said this morning. The detective was on vacation with other Seattle officers when the nonfatal shooting occurred. O'Neill said the officer was involved in a fight with the biker before the shooting. "They were there having a good time & he was jumped; it was totally unprovoked," O'Neill said. "I heard choking was involved. I hear he's got facial injuries. He was getting beat up." The Hells Angels member was being treated at a Sturgis-area hospital Sunday. The hospital would not comment on his condition. The Seattle police detective was among 5 off-duty Seattle police officers at the Loud American Roadhouse in Sturgis. A crowd of 500-plus was jamming to the beat of rock group Judd Hoos at the bar when several Hells Angels members began to congregate, said bar co-owner Dean Kinney. His employees called police just to play it safe. "We didn't call the police because there was a fight; we called police because we just knew that it was different. We were being cautious," Kinney said. "We have almost no trouble at Sturgis. The people are so happy that you just learn to recognize when things seem a little different." Kinney said he then heard two shots fired in quick succession. "There were probably 30 officers outside when it happened, so the response was instantaneous," Kinney said Sun. The Seattle police detective was briefly detained & has since been released, Bestgen said. All 5 officers who were at the bar have been relieved of duty pending the investigation by South Dakota authorities, according to the Seattle police statement. Their names have not been released by the Dept. Seattle police Chief Gil Kerlikowske dispatched a team of homicide & internal-affairs investigators to Sturgis to gather information, Whitcomb said. O'Neill said the Seattle detective involved in the shooting has been investigated by the Dept a handful of times, once for allegedly taunting someone at a football game, but he has not received any "serious" discipline. He said the detective contacted him, as his union representative, since the shooting. "It's difficult, but people have to wait for all of the evidence to come in & the investigation is done, & it will be obvious that he was defending himself," O'Neill said. "There is a video; it will vindicate the officer." Seattle police spokesman Sgt. Sean Whitcomb declined to comment on the case. Sturgis Assistant Police Chief Brandon Bestgen said this morning that the

case has been forwarded to the Meade County State's Attorney's Office. The detective is a member of the Iron Pigs Motorcycle Club, a group of police officers & firefighters. The Iron Pigs club has chapters in 22 states. Kinney, of the Loud American Roadhouse, said he had seen members of the Iron Pigs throughout the week. "I didn't know until after the fact that their numbers are made up of police & firefighters," he said. "They were happy-go-lucky guys. They'd been in there throughout the rally & just seemed like normal guys that ride motorcycles & were having a couple of beers & hanging out. We didn't view them as any kind of outlaw motorcycle group. We had not had any trouble with them whatsoever." The Iron Pigs Motorcycle Club, Seattle chapter, cites a straightforward philosophy: to have fun. "In our professions we are forced to deal with a lot of crap on the job; we don't need it when we play," says the Web site of the club, which is made up of Seattle-area police officers & firefighters. But work & play collided early Saturday at a bar fight in Sturgis, home to South Dakota's annual legendary, Mardi Gras-like motorcycle rally. The club's philosophy page describes the group as "the good guys, on the job & off. We help the public." The Seattle Police Dept's Web site notes that the group delivered 198 wrapped gifts to foster children last Christmas. The group also appears prepared to stand up for itself. "If we are treated in a such away [sic] that shows us disrespect, or that violates the law, we will handle the situation in a lawful manner, keeping in mind our ultimate priority: preserving the integrity of the Iron Pigs M/C."

Five Seattle cops suspended following Sturgis shooting - August 11, 2008 (Monday) – *Sturgis, South Dakota* -The investigation into Saturday's shooting in downtown Sturgis continues. Police say a member of the Hell's Angels was shot, & the person who did the shooting was a member of the Iron Pigs MC. The shooting happened just before 1:00 AM Sat morning at the Loud American Roadhouse on Main Street in Sturgis. The Seattle Police Dept is now involved because one of their officers may have been involved. The officer in question has been disciplined twice before for taunting fans at a football game & threatening to shoot a restaurant manager. There were 400 to 500 people in the bar at the time. The shooting victim was taken to Rapid City Regional Hospital. No arrests have been made, & police are still not releasing any names. A spokesman for the Seattle Police Dept says 5 Seattle police officers have been relieved of duty pending the investigation at Sturgis.

Sturgis bar's staff sensed trouble before shooting - August 11, 2008 (Monday) – *Sturgis, South Dakota* - By Karen Gaudette; Seattle Times staff reporter - The philosophy of the Iron Pigs Motorcycle Club, Seattle chapter, couldn't be more straightforward: to have fun. "In our professions we are forced to deal with a lot of crap on the job; we don't need it when we play," says the Web site of the club, which is made up of Seattle-area police officers & firefighters. But work & play collided early Saturday at a bar fight in Sturgis, home to South Dakota's annual legendary, Mardi Gras-like motorcycle rally. Sturgis & Seattle law enforcement are investigating how an off-duty Seattle police officer allegedly shot a member of the Hells Angels motorcycle club about 1 a.m. Saturday. Four other off-duty Seattle officers were at the bar at the time of the shooting, according to a Seattle Police Dept statement. A crowd of 500-plus was jamming to the beat of rock group Judd Hoos at the aptly named Loud American Roadhouse when a number of Hells Angels members began to congregate in & around the building, said bar co-owner Dean Kinney. His employees called police just to play it safe. "We didn't call the police because there was a fight; we called police because we just knew that it was different. We were being

cautious,” Kinney said. “We have almost no trouble at Sturgis. The people are so happy that you just learn to recognize when things seem a little different.” Kinney said he then heard two shots fired in quick succession. “There were probably 30 officers outside when it happened, so the response was instantaneous,” Kinney said Sunday. A Seattle police officer was detained by Sturgis authorities. All 5 officers who were at the bar have been relieved of duty pending the investigation by South Dakota authorities, according to the Seattle police statement. Their names have not been released. The Hells Angels member was being treated at a Sturgis-area hospital Sunday. The hospital would not comment on the victim’s condition. Sturgis police declined to comment on Sunday but said the Dept would make a statement on the shooting today. Kinney said he had seen members of the Iron Pigs throughout the week. “I didn’t know until after the fact that their numbers are made up of police & firefighters,” he said. “They were happy-go-lucky guys. They’d been in there throughout the rally & just seemed like normal guys that ride motorcycles & were having a couple of beers & hanging out. We didn’t view them as any kind of outlaw motorcycle group. We had not had any trouble with them whatsoever.” It’s not clear how many Seattle officers are members of the Iron Pigs club, which has chapters in 22 states. When contacted Sunday, Seattle Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske said, “I am totally clueless about the club. We’re going to stay with our statement.” The Iron Pigs’ Seattle chapter home page was inaccessible over the weekend, though screen captures cached on Google showed at least six board members with nicknames such as Stoogie, Slim Jim & Kilo. The club’s philosophy page describes the group as “the good guys, on the job & off. We help the public.” The Seattle Police Dept’s Web site notes that the group delivered 198 wrapped gifts to foster children last Christmas. The group also appears prepared to stand up for itself. “If we are treated in a such away [sic] that shows us disrespect, or that violates the law, we will handle the situation in a lawful manner, keeping in mind our ultimate priority: preserving the integrity of the Iron Pigs M/C.”

Grand jury testimony begins in biker shooting - Off-duty Seattle officers to appear - August 11, 2008 (Monday) – *Sturgis, South Dakota* - By Scott Gutierrez; P-I Reporter - A South Dakota grand jury has begun hearing testimony in the case of an off-duty Seattle police officer who shot & wounded a Hells Angels biker over the weekend during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, authorities said Monday. Sturgis police investigators forwarded most of their case to the Meade County State’s Attorney’s Office, Police Chief Jim Bush said. A grand jury convened Sunday to hear testimony from witnesses, including off-duty officers from Seattle, he said. “There are probably several hours of testimony that have to be presented yet,” he said. The shooting happened about 1 a.m. Saturday at the Loud American Roadhouse, a popular Sturgis bar where as many as 500 people had gathered, after a fight broke out between Hells Angels members & vacationing Seattle police officers who were at the rally. Five off-duty officers were at the bar & belong to the Iron Pigs, a motorcycle club of law enforcement & firefighters that has chapters in 22 states. The wounded biker was identified Monday as a 33-year-old man from Imperial Beach, Calif., according to the Rapid City Journal. State’s Attorney Jesse Sondreal told the paper that man was in stable condition at a local hospital. Law enforcement sources identified the shooter as a 43-year-old Seattle detective who works in the pawnshop unit & is a member of the Seattle Police Officers’ Guild board. The Seattle P-I is not naming either man because no criminal charges have been filed. Nor has any disciplinary action been taken against this officer over the incident. Sources said the skirmish started because the

officers were displaying their colors or patches of their club, prompting a confrontation. A Meade County grand jury heard from 25 witnesses Sunday about the shooting, reportedly the first in 18 years in city limits during the Sturgis rally. Sondreal, the prosecutor, told the Rapid City Journal that the investigation could continue until Aug. 27, when the grand jury reconvenes. Sondreal did not return the P-I’s calls Monday seeking comment. There was no word on what charges the grand jury was considering. Federal law allows off-duty police officers to carry their weapons across state lines. But South Dakota state law prohibits bringing a concealed weapon into a bar, though the law exempts police officers carrying concealed weapons in the “performance of their duties.” Sgt. Rich O’Neill, the Seattle police guild president, said Sunday that the officer was jumped & beaten & fired in self-defense. O’Neill said the officer feared for his safety during an unprovoked attack that might have involved choking. Meanwhile, many in the Seattle Police Dept feared reprisals from the Hells Angels against the officers involved or others. One source expected the Dept to post officer safety bulletins about the incident, reminding officers to take extra precautions. Internal records show the detective has been disciplined for unprofessional behavior in the past. He was suspended for two days for conduct unbecoming of an officer after an incident at a Seahawks football game in January 2005. The officer, who then was working security, arrested a fan who he said had assaulted him, but witnesses said the officer had taunted the crowd & got hit accidentally by a megaphone that the fan was holding, according to Dept records. He received a written reprimand after he was accused in August 2005 of threatening to shoot a man at a Tacoma bar while off-duty. Internal records show that the man was bothering some of the officer’s friends. But witnesses also heard the officer utter a racial remark at the restaurant manager, who had asked him to leave, according to Dept records. Two Tacoma officers who investigated the incident noted that the detective did not appear intoxicated. The officer & 4 others who were at the Sturgis bar have been reassigned while the investigation is pending. The Seattle Police Dept sent a team of investigators, including an Office of Professional Accountability sergeant, to monitor the investigation. Many businesses in Sturgis ban biker clubs from displaying colors or patches during the rally to prevent violence. Local, state & federal authorities aided in the South Dakota investigation, including the FBI & Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, said Bush, the police chief.

Authorities ID shooter, victim in weekend shooting at Sturgis bar - August 11, 2008 (Monday) – *Sturgis, South Dakota* - By Journal staff - The Seattle Police Dept confirmed Sunday that one of its officers, who was vacationing at the rally with 4 fellow officers, was involved in the shooting at the Loud American Roadhouse bar shortly after 1 a.m. on Aug. 9. According to the Associated Press, all 5 officers were relieved of duty pending an investigation by South Dakota authorities. The SPD sent a team of investigators to Sturgis to gather more information on the shooting. McGuire was identified by the Sturgis Police Dept as a member of the Hells Angels motorcycle gang. No arrests have been made so far in the case, according to Meade County State’s Attorney Jesse Sondreal. Sondreal said McGuire was in stable condition. Twenty-five witnesses spent seven hours Sunday testifying before a Meade County grand jury about what they saw during the shooting at the crowded Sturgis bar. Sondreal said the investigation may continue until the grand jury convenes again on Aug. 27. A grand jury investigation was the best way to handle any charges that may result from the shooting, he said. “Given the magnitude, complexity & number of out-of-state witnesses in

this case, this was the only logical venue for the next step in the process,” he said. According to a report in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Smith was once disciplined for taunting fans at a football game & another time for allegedly threatening to shoot a restaurant manager who had asked him to leave. Smith is a 43-year-old detective who works for the Seattle police Pawn Shop Squad & is a police guild board member. The officer also is known throughout the Dept as an avid motorcycle rider.

Details Unclear In Biker Gang Shooting - August 11, 2008 (Monday) – *Sturgis, South Dakota* – By Keloland dot com - A shootout in a downtown Sturgis bar over the weekend has a member of the Hell’s Angels motorcycle gang hospitalized after he was shot at the Loud American Roadhouse. Sturgis Police are being tight-lipped about the situation. Officials say that’s because they want to ensure public safety because the cases involved gangs. Police have confirmed that the man accused of shooting the Hells Angel is a member of the Iron Pigs, a biker gang open to law enforcement & fire officials. The suspect in the case is a police officer from Seattle, Washington. A spokesperson there says 5 officers are now off duty pending the results of the investigation in Sturgis. Right now, that investigation still has a lot of unanswered questions. Details are still being sorted out, but Sturgis Chief of Police Jim Bush says his Dept was called to the Loud American Roadhouse shortly after 1 o’clock on Saturday morning. When officers arrived, they found one man with gunshot wounds & a man they believe fired the shots. “The person that was shot was involved with the motorcycle gang the Hells Angels & the other person who did the shooting was a member of the Iron Pigs & is a law enforcement officer,” Jim Bush says. Bush says these men were among hundreds in the bar at the time of the incident-- he estimates between 400 & 500 people were escorted into the street before police could begin their investigation. “Each & every one of them had to be identified & taken out of the scene & we had to define whether they were witnesses, or suspects, or whatever they might be, so it was quite a cumbersome process so it took a lot of manpower to get that done,” Bush says. Despite being sworn to uphold the law, the man Sturgis police believe fired the shots ***did break a law by having his gun inside the bar.** “There’s a South Dakota statute that disallows anyone to carry a concealed weapon into a licensed business for alcoholic beverages or malt beverages,” Bush says. That’s one law that police can confirm was broken-- but Bush says a full list of charges won’t likely be available until investigations are complete & information is given to a Grand Jury. The case has been turned over to the Meade County State’s attorney. Bush says witnesses were interviewed for hours on Sunday in hopes that those from out-of -state wouldn’t need to come back for the trial. Loud American co-owner Dean Kinney & he says that his customers have told him they see it as an unfortunate but isolated incident. He says his business over the weekend following the fight was actually higher than it was a year ago.

Yes, I’m A Bad American:

- I Am the Liberal-Progressives Worst Nightmare. I am an American.
- I believe the money I make belongs to me & my family, not some Liberal governmental functionary be it Democratic or Republican!
- I’m in touch with my feelings & I like it that way!
- I think owning a gun doesn’t make you a killer, it makes you a smart American.
- I think being a minority does not make you noble or victimized, & does not entitle you to anything.
- I believe that if you are selling me a Big Mac, do it in English.

- I believe everyone has a right to pray to his or her God when & where they want to.
 - My heroes are John Wayne, Babe Ruth, Roy Rogers, & whoever canceled Jerry Springer.
 - I don’t hate the rich. I don’t pity the poor.
 - I know wrestling is fake & I don’t waste my time watching or arguing about it.
 - I’ve never owned a slave, or was a slave, I haven’t burned any witches or been persecuted by the Turks & neither have you! So, shut up already.
 - I believe if you don’t like the way things are here, go back to where you came from & change your own country! This is America.
 - If you were born here & don’t like it you are free to move to any Socialist country that will have you.
 - I want to know which church is it exactly where the Reverend Jesse Jackson preaches, where he gets his money, & why he is always part of the problem & not the solution. Can I get an Amen on that one?
 - I think the cops have every right to shoot your sorry rear if you’re running from them..
 - I also think they have the right to pull you over if you’re breaking the law, regardless of what color you are.
 - And, no, I don’t mind having my face shown on my drivers license. I think it’s good..... And I’m proud that ‘God’ is written on my money.
 - I think if you are too stupid to know how a ballot works, I don’t want you deciding who should be running the most powerful nation in the world for the next 4 years.
 - I dislike those people standing in the intersections trying to sell me stuff or trying to guilt me into making ‘donations’ to their cause.
 - I believe that it doesn’t take a village to raise a child, it takes 2 parents.
 - I Believe ‘Illegal’ is Illegal no matter what the Lawyers think!
 - I believe the American flag should be the only one allowed in America!
- If this makes me a Bad American, then yes, I’m a Bad American.
We want our country back!

Perks Of Being Over 50:

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
3. No one expects you to run--anywhere.
4. People call at 9 PM & ask, “Did I wake you????”
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won’t wear out.
8. You can eat dinner at 4 PM.
9. You can live without sex but not your glasses.
10. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
11. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
12. You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
13. You sing along with elevator music.
14. Your eyes won’t get much worse.
15. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
16. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
17. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can’t remember them either.
18. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
19. You can’t remember who sent you this list

Two 90-year-old women, Rose & Barb, had been friends all of their lives. When it was clear that Rose was dying, Barb visited her every day. One day Barb said, 'Rose, we both loved playing women's softball all our lives, & we played all through High School. Please do me one favor: when you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's women's softball there.' Rose looked up at Barb from her deathbed & said, 'Barb, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favor for you.' Shortly after that, Rose passed on. At midnight a few nights later, Barb was awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light & a voice calling out to her, 'Barb, Barb.' 'Who is it?' asked Barb, sitting up suddenly. 'Who is it?' 'Barb -- it's me, Rose.' 'You're not Rose. Rose just died.' 'I'm telling you, it's me, Rose,' insisted the voice. 'Rose! Where are you?' 'In Heaven,' replied Rose. 'I have some really good news & a little bad news.' 'Tell me the good news first,' said Barb. 'The good news,' Rose said, 'is that there's Softball in Heaven. Better yet, all of our old buddies who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always springtime, & it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play softball all we want, & we never get tired.' 'That's fantastic,' said Barb. 'It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?' 'You're pitching Tuesday.*'

The other day my neighbor, who is blonde, came running up to me in the driveway just jumping for joy! I didn't know why she was jumping for joy but I thought, what the heck, & I starting jumping up & down along with her. She said, "I have some really great news!" I said, "Great. Tell me why you're so happy." She stopped jumping and, breathing heavily from all the jumping up & down, told me that she was pregnant! I knew that she had been trying for a while so I told her, "That's Great! I couldn't be happier for you!" Then she said, "There's more." I asked, "What do you mean 'more'?" She said, "Well, we are not having just one baby. We are going to have Twins!" Amazed at how she could know so soon after getting pregnant, I asked her how she knew. She said.... (You're going to love this!) "Well, that was the easy part. I went to Wal-Mart & they actually had a home pregnancy kit in a twin-pack. "Both tests came out positive!"

Two blondes living in Oklahoma were sitting on a bench talking, & one blonde says to the other, "Which do you think is farther away... Florida or the moon?" The other blonde turns & says "Hellooooooooooooo, can you see Florida?"

A blonde pushes her BMW into a gas station. She tells the mechanic it died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly. She says, "What's the story?" He replies, "Just crap in the carburetor" She asks, "How often do I have to do that?"

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding & asks her very nicely if he could see her license. She replied in a huff, "I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you take away my license & then today you expect me to show it to you!"

There's this blonde out for a walk. She comes to a river & sees another blonde on the opposite bank. "Yoo-hoo!" she shouts, "How can I get to the other side?" The second blonde looks up the river then down the river & shouts back, "You ARE on the other side."

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting! Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights & siren, the trooper cranked down

his window, turned on his bullhorn & yelled, "Pull Over!" "No!" the blonde yelled back, "It's a Scarf!"

A Russian, an American, & a Blonde were talking one day. The Russian said, "We were the first in space!" The American said, "We were the first on the moon!" The Blonde said, "So what? We're going to be the first on the sun!" The Russian & the American looked at each other & shook their heads. "You can't land on the sun, you idiot! You'll burn up!" said the Russian. To which the Blonde replied, "We're not stupid, you know. We're going at night!"

A blonde was playing Trivial Pursuit one night. It was her turn. She rolled the dice & she landed on Science & Nature. Her question was, "If you are in a vacuum & someone calls your name, can you hear it?" She thought for a time & then asked, "Is it on or off?"

A girl was visiting her blonde friend, who had acquired two new dogs, & asked her what their names were. The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex & one was named Timex. Her friend said, "Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?" "HELLLOOOOOOO.....," answered the blond. "They're watch dogs!"

Circumstances rule men; men do not rule circumstances. - Herodotus

One ought never to turn one's back on a threatened danger & try to run away from it. If you do that, you will double the danger. But if you meet it promptly & without flinching, you will reduce the danger by half. Never run away from anything. Never! - Winston Churchill

Let's Offend Everyone:

Q. What's the Cuban National Anthem?

A. Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Q. Where does an Irish family go on vacation?

A. A different bar

Q. What did the Chinese couple name their retarded baby?

A. Sum Ting Wong

Q. What do you call it when an Italian that has one arm shorter than the other?

A. A speech impediment

Q. What does it mean when the Post Office's flag is flying at half-mast?

A. They're hiring

Q. Why aren't there any Puerto Ricans on Star Trek?

A. Because they're not going to work in the future either.

Q. What's the difference between a southern zoo & a northern zoo?

A. The southern zoo has a description of the animal on the front of the cage along with a recipe.

Q. How do you get a sweet little white 80-year-old lady to say the **F'** word?

A. Get another sweet little white 80-year-old lady to yell 'Bingo!'

Q. What's the difference between a northern fairytale & a southern fairytale?

A. A northern one begins, 'Once upon a time,' & a southern one begins, 'Y'all ain't gonna believe this sh*t!'

Q. Why doesn't Mexico have an Olympic team?

A. Because all the Mexicans who can run, jump or swim are already in the United States

Editor's note: I'll get the articles for the missing days in the next issue!!! Still getting caught up from Sturgis... L&R, Mike

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