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Motorcycle Clubs, Brotherhood Mentality Versus The Gang Mentality - Sept 7, 2008 – USA - By LJ James; AmericanBikerX dot com - I want to talk about the Brotherhood mentality versus the gang mentality in the Motorcycle Club universe. Now for those of you who may be asking what is the difference? I will set up a scene to help give you a peek into the life! At a local Bar a member of a Motorcycle Club walks in he sees 4 Bikers playing pool, He can tell they are a bit nervous, They see his patches & they know who he is with. Now how does he act? Does he walk over to the pool table knock the 8 ball in the pocket say games over & tell one of them to buy him a beer? Or does he walk over introduce himself & let them know when they are done shooting pool they are welcome to stop over at the bar have a beer & talk with him! One is the gang way of thinking the other is the Brotherhood way of thinking! I really don't think I need to tell you which is which! Now one thing everyone needs to remember is all of the original Motorcycle Clubs Started out with the idea of being a tight nit group of Brothers & almost all of these Motorcycle Clubs where friendly to one another. Don't forget many of the men who started the first MCs where returning home

after serving their country during times of war. They were looking for that feeling of Brotherhood here at home that they had when they were fighting for our country. These were good men seeking adventure, looking to ride their Motorcycles & have a good time with others like themselves. Today most Motorcycle Clubs have gone back to that way of Club thinking, There are very few Clubs left that still have the Gang Mentality that was seen mostly during the 70's thru 90's. During the late 90's things had just gotten too far out of hand & most Motorcycle Clubs began to realize the Gang Mentality was not the way it was meant to be & it was not the way they wanted it to be anymore, This was not what the Clubs were started for ! Many Clubs who had been friends were now fighting with each other. No one wanted to wear club support gear & things were just not fun anymore. These MC's had all started their Clubs with the same ideals & ways of thinking, How & why had they grown so far apart that they now hated each other! Well the answer to how is during the 50's & 60's the golden age of the Brotherhood years of Motorcycling, The Motorcycle Clubs were really big. During this great time many of the Biker Movies that came out portrayed Motorcycle Club

Members as Bullies & Thugs. The Bikers in these movies would pick on those weaker than them, take over small towns & the Clubs in these Movies all fought each other just like the street gangs of the time! So of course over time many new Bikers came to believe that this was the way it was. So when New Clubs formed this was how they would act & the Original Motorcycle Clubs now had members who were young kids looking to prove how tough they were by starting fights with each other. The Original Motorcycle Club Members had been through real wars together & they were as hard as nails & had nothing to prove to no one! But many younger members felt that they had something to prove & would imitate the Biker Clubs from the Movies they had watched & soon it was Biker against Biker, Brother against Brother, MC against MC. Thus began the Dark age of the Motorcycle Gang Mentality years. Now for the question Why did this Happen? Well When something Changes the way of thinking & being of Groups like the Motorcycle Clubs so far from their original ideals, You have to ask was it just an accident these movies did this? Or was there more to it? Was there a plan behind it? Is there someone or some group out there that would benefit from having these large groups of Motorcycle Clubs who are run in a very military fashion & are made up of many ex-Military Members fighting against each other? If these Clubs all got along & worked together the world could be a very Different place! The Motorcycle world certainly would be! Are there people out there who are afraid of this happening? Today there are very few Clubs left that have the Gang Mentality. Most have gone back to the Brotherhood way & the word Gang in the Motorcycle Club world has become almost the equivalent of a racial slur. Now as Motorcycle Clubs are beginning to go back to the way it was at the start & trying to put the past behind them, I am noticing that there are more & more Biker movies & TV shows Coming out. Will these shows show MC's in a good way? Will they go out of their way to stir up the quarrels of the past? Will they show us as mindless Bullies much as the Movie Wild Hogs did? Most Important will we let them influence how we really are? Or have we learned from our past? If all continues to go well we could soon be making our way into the Second Golden age of Motorcycle Club Brotherhood back to where it all Started!!! All Bikers need to ask themselves one question, Are you part of the Problem or part of the Solution? I am Your Bro... L.J. James

Road Dog: Petition signers – Sept 7, 2008 - *California* - By Susan Herendeen - Federal prosecutors cited a wiretapped phone conversation in which Lynette Petrie describes a backroom beating at Denair's Road Dog Cycle when a judge agreed that retired sheriff's deputy & shop owner Robert Holloway should remain in jail without bail pending trial on racketeering charges. Petrie is no fan of the investigation or federal prosecutors, so she fired back Saturday, by setting up a booth in front of the shuttered motorcycle shop & collecting signatures on a petition aimed at persuading a U.S. District Court judge to free her former boss. She said Holloway, who offered to pledge property worth \$1.25 million in exchange for his release from jail in Fresno, has supported many community causes, including local schools & food banks, & needs some help in return. "Bob is not a danger to society," Petrie said. As a steady stream of supporters roared up Main Street on their Harley-Davidsons & into the parking lot, Petrie referred them to a petition that stretched into eight pages & more than 175 names by mid-afternoon. Many supporters suggested that the shop & its owner are the target of a vendetta because 12 jurors acquitted Holloway of murder in 2001 after he shot & killed a career criminal during a scuffle in his shop.

Breakthrough technique reveals fingerprints on bullets – Sept 7, 2008 – *USA / Britain* - Experts have been able to detect corrosion from sweat on bullet, even if they are wiped clean. It's a discovery that would make even Sherlock Holmes proud. British scientists have developed a new crime-fighting technique that allows police to lift fingerprints from bullets even if a criminal has wiped down a shell casing. Authorities in Britain & the United States used the method to re-open three cold cases, including a U.S. double murder that police are now optimistic of solving, said John Bond, the physicist who developed the technique. 'In one case there was enough evidence that could lead to an identification of an offender,' said Bond, a researcher at the Univ of Leicester & consultant at Northamptonshire Police. The conventional method of taking fingerprints has been around for more than 100 years & involves creating a chemical reaction with the sweat left behind on an object to produce an image police can use. But if a criminal wipes away the sweat, there is little left to react with the chemical & regular methods are useless, Bond said. The new technique allows police to outwit a criminal & produce a fingerprint even if there is no sweat impression to work with. The British experts focused on hair-width bits of corrosion that sweat often leaves on certain metals in bullets & bombs. They cover the metal with a fine powder & apply a strong electrical charge that makes the dust stick to the corroded areas, producing a potential fingerprint, Bond said. 'That very fine powder only sticks to the metal where it is corroded, which means it is only sticking where the fingerprint is & means you see the image of the fingerprint,' said Bond, whose team has published its findings in the *Journal of Forensic Sciences* & the *Journal of Applied Physics*. The technique is not foolproof & some people do not secrete enough salt in their sweat to corrode the metal to the point police can get a print, he added. But for some seemingly dead-end cases it can provide crucial evidence & point to the person who loaded a gun used in a crime. Detective Christopher King of the Kingsland Police Dept in Georgia sought the British team's help to crack an unsolved 10-year-old double murder case & said the method had helped reignite the investigation. 'The results are surprising but to say that I am pleased would be an underestimate,' he said in a statement. 'I feel very optimistic.'

Two Priests: Two priests decided to go to Hawaii on vacation. They were determined to make this a real vacation by not wearing anything that would identify them as clergy. As soon as the plane landed they headed for a store & bought some really outrageous shorts, shirts, sandals, sunglasses, etc. The next morning they went to the beach dressed in their 'tourist' garb. They were sitting on beach chairs, enjoying a drink, the sunshine & the scenery when a 'drop dead gorgeous' blonde in a topless bikini came walking straight towards them. They couldn't help but stare. As the blonde passed them she smiled & said 'Good Morning, Father ~ Good Morning, Father,' nodding & addressing each of them individually, then she passed on by. They were both stunned. How in the world did she know they were priests? So the next day, they went back to the store & bought even more outrageous outfits. These were so loud you could hear them before you even saw them! Once again, in their new attire, they settled down in their chairs to enjoy the sunshine. After a little while, the same gorgeous blonde, wearing a different colored topless bikini, taking her sweet time, came walking toward them. Again she nodded at each of them, said 'Good morning, Father ~ Goodmorning, Father,' & started to walk away. One of the priests couldn't stand it any longer & said, 'Just a minute, young lady.' 'Yes, Father?' 'We are priests & proud of it, but I have to know, how in the world do you know we are priests, dressed as we are?' She replied, 'Father, it's me,..... Sister Kathleen!'

Police crackdown on biker gangs – Sept 7, 2008 - *Australia* - Australian police are cracking down on biker gangs, after South Australia introduced what is claimed to be a world-first legislation to run them out of the state. New laws will allow police to declare gangs an outlaw organisation, making it illegal for members to gather together. The laws are attracting international interest as other countries battle gang related crime. But in northern New South Wales, the gangs say they are just bike lovers who want to be left alone. “We are not here to break the law,” biker Alex Vella says. “It is a sport to us, like soccer & football. We ride bikes, no big deal. Police say the fortified clubhouses are the headquarters of organised crime & now officers in Adelaide are armed with unprecedented powers. Under the Serious & Organised Crime Act, the police can apply to have a gang declared illegal if it is believed that members are associating for criminal behaviour or are a risk to public order. “It is a hostile place for hostile motorcycle gangs,” Alex Zimmerman from the Crime Gang Task Force says. “The community has lost its tolerance for those members.” A magistrate can issue control orders against members, laws the federal Gov’t reserves for terror suspects. “I would anticipate that over a period of time, we should start to see some of those associations becoming more difficult to maintain,” Assistant Commissioner Tony Harrison says. The new laws could spread to other Australian states battling gang related crime. Two men have just been jailed on the Gold Coast after three men were shot when rival gangs clashed at a boxing match. While in Sydney, there has been a wave of killings, fire bombings & shootings - one of which involved innocent bystanders. Law abiding motorcyclists fear they could be caught up too. “It makes us angry that they are targeting people just on the mode of transporters that they use,” Guy Stanford from the NSW Motorcycle Council says. South Australia wants to run the bikers out of the state & there will be no welcome for them across the borders.

Court date set for Hells Angel – Sept 8, 2008 - *South Dakota* - A court date has been scheduled for the Hells Angel member who was shot at a bar during this year’s Sturgis motorcycle rally after allegedly assaulting a Seattle police officer. Joseph McGuire of Imperial Beach, Calif., is scheduled to appear in front of Fourth Circuit Judge Eckrich Sept. 24 at 8:15am. McGuire faces 1 count of aggravated assault & an alternative count of simple assault. Aggravated assault is a Class 3 felony carrying a maximum sentence of 15 years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary & a \$30,000 fine. Simple assault is a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail & a \$2,000 fine. McGuire could be convicted of one of the charges but not both. He is represented by Rapid City atty Angela Colbath, according to court documents.

Hearing set in Sioux Falls for 2006 biker shootout – Sept 8, 2008 - *Sioux Falls, South Dakota* – AP - Lawyers & the judge handling the case against 2 Hells Angels bikers are scheduled to take up several pretrial motions Tue at a hearing in Sioux Falls. Chad Wilson of Washington state & John Midmore of Indiana each are charged with 7 attempted murder, conspiracy & gun counts for an Aug 2006 shootout at Custer State Park that injured six rival Outlaw gang members. The Outlaws gathered there for the Sturgis motorcycle rally 70 miles away. The trial was moved from Custer to Sioux Falls & is scheduled to start Nov. 3. Prosecutors have filed several motions dealing with evidence, defense witnesses & the use of jail house recordings.

Bike squeamish; ear cut off - Sept 8, 2008 – *Australia* - By Melanie Pilling - A Lone Wolves bikie became squeamish as he watched a fellow gang member cut off a man’s ears with a knife

during an attack at Currumbin, a court was told. David Holmes, who is missing his left ear & most of his right ear after the alleged attack in Nov last year, told police he heard the Lone Wolf, whom he referred to in the Southport Magistrates Court yesterday as ‘Dutchy’, tell the alleged attacker that watching it was ‘turning my guts’ & then he ‘was just gone’. In a video re-enactment played to the court yesterday, Holmes, 38, recounted the events which he said started with at least 2 men kidnapping him from his Currumbin Waters home about 5am on Nov 3. He said a knife was held to his throat & he was forced into a waiting car & driven to bushland where he was led up a dirt track while his hands were bound behind his back. He told police he was bashed with a baseball bat & forced to get on his knees by ‘Scheersy’ -- alleged to be Lone Wolves bikie Aaron Scheers, 24. “And then he just started cutting me lobes off,” he told police. “He just went bang, bang with the ears & then he had another hack at this ear.” He said Scheers was yelling ‘You robbed, you robbed’ as he continued the alleged knife attack. Holmes told police he repeatedly denied robbing anyone. When asked what he was thinking during the alleged attack, he said: “I thought they were going to knock me ... kill me. “Then he put a knife to me throat (& said) ‘I’ll slit your throat’. I said: ‘Well you’ll be knocking an innocent (expletive)’. Then he (Scheers) said: ‘I believe ya. Anyone who’ll go through that much pain & agony - I believe ya’.”

Trial begins Monday for 6 members of the Hell’s Angels MC – Sept 9, 2008 – *Eureka Springs, Arkansas* - They’re charged with aggravated rioting & battery in the beating of 4 members of the rival Bandidos club in July 2007. Three of the accused -- Jason Gallo, Eric Franco & Christopher Sweeney, all from Massachusetts-- pleaded not guilty to the charges. **Word just in:** Postponed till March of 2009...

Two suspected gang members to be arraigned – Sept 9, 2008 - California – By Joseph Serna - The arraignment for an accused Hells Angel member suspected of participating in a late July brawl in a Newport Beach bar was rescheduled for next week, at the same time & in the same courthouse as another suspected Hells Angel member who is expected to enter his plea for the same fight as well. Rodrigo Requejo, 34, of Rancho Santa Margarita, is scheduled to be arraigned Sept. 18 at the Harbor Justice Center in Newport Beach on charges of felony assault & battery & street terrorism for allegedly taking part in a July 27 fight at Blackie’s By the Sea bar in Newport Beach. Prosecutors claim Requejo, along with at least 3 other suspected Hells Angels members, brawled with members of the Set Free Soldiers, a rival biker gang claiming to be a Christian ministry, according to police. According to an affidavit seeking a search warrant related to the fight, authorities said more than a dozen of the Set Free Soldiers set up members of the Hells Angels outlaw biker gang, including Requejo, inside the Newport Beach bar. The Hells Angels members were confronting Set Free Soldier leader, Phillip Aguilar, among others, about the group claiming to be associated with the Hells Angels, according to the affidavit. One of the Hells Angels threw the 1st punch & then chaos briefly ensued, witnesses said. Police said 2 members of the Hells Angels were stabbed & one Set Free Soldier had a billiard ball smashed into his head. Requejo’s scheduled arraignment coincides with the arraignment of fellow suspected Hells Angel member Brian Heslington of Costa Mesa. Several members of the Set Free Soldiers are expected to be arraigned the week after.

Probably all laws are useless; for good men do not want laws at all, & bad men are made no better by them. - Demonax (Roman philosopher, circa 150 A.D.)

B.C.'s Hells Angels regroup after seizure – Sept 9, 2008 – *Canada* - By Dustin Walker - 'Member suggest new 'secret' clubhouse' The Hells Angels have likely been shifting some of its operations off Vancouver Island since the group's Nanaimo clubhouse was seized last year, says an organized crime expert. "I think they were doing a lot of work out of Nanaimo that influenced the province as a whole," said Rob Gordon, director of the school of criminology at Simon Fraser University. "It's possible that the loss of their headquarters would have a negative impact on their administration." Police stormed the clubhouse in Nov of last year, securing the building so the province could seize it under the Civil Forfeiture Act. Under the act, the B.C. Supreme Court can order the seizure of property if it's believed to have been acquired with crime money or used for crime. The defendants cited in the case are currently contesting the order that freezes their assets & are expected to wrap up court arguments next week. The Nanaimo clubhouse seizure alone likely didn't have a huge impact on organized crime operations in B.C., but works into the province's overall strategy to crack down on gangs by dispersing their numbers & operations to thin their ranks, said Gordon. For example, fighting among gangs in Prince George this summer was possibly a by-product of the Nanaimo seizure. Gordon said it may not make strategic sense for the Hells Angels to set up another clubhouse in Nanaimo. But according to one local Hells Angels member, the local club has already purchased a new hangout. "We bought a place already . . . it's a secret where it is," said Fred Widdifield, who later added that the new clubhouse is on Commercial Street. He said the possibility of another seizure isn't why the club wants to keep their new location under wraps. "Everybody has secrets, I bet you have a few skeletons in your closet," said Widdifield, who contends the Hells Angels are like any other club. Cpl. Kirby Anderson, head of the Nanaimo RCMP criminal intelligence probe team, said the police have no indication that the Hells Angels have set up a new clubhouse. The biggest difference he's noticed since the Nov seizure has been fewer large "rides" involving Hells Angels members. "Where it's really had an effect is the rides that we have observed from Nanaimo. Normally, they have a large ride in the spring involving most if not all of the clubs in the province & that didn't happen this year," said Anderson.

Ex-bikers' clubhouse a fixer-upper – Sept 9, 2008 -*Canada* - Sometime in the not-so-distant future, the province of Ontario could be shopping for a buyer for a long-time biker clubhouse in Oshawa. The modest bungalow that served as headquarters for the Hells Angels Oshawa chapter is now the property of the province, after a ruling by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice last week declared it an "instrument of unlawful activity." Attorney General Chris Bentley said yesterday it's too early to start drafting a "for sale" ad for the fortified clubhouse on Orton Ave. near Highway 401 that has housed biker gangs for four decades. "I think it's a little early to say what's going to happen to the building," said Bentley, who praised the work of the Crown attorney's office & local & provincial police.

Marijuana may be something of a wonder drug – Sept 9, 2008 – *Italy / Britain* - Researchers in Italy & Britain have found that the main active ingredient in marijuana - tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC - & related compounds show promise as antibacterial agents, particularly against microbial strains that are already resistant to several classes of drugs. It has been known for decades that Cannabis sativa has antibacterial properties. Experiments in the 1950s tested various marijuana preparations against skin & other infections, but researchers at the time had little understanding of marijuana's chemical makeup. The current research, by Giovanni

Appendino of the Univ of the Eastern Piedmont & colleagues & published in The Journal of Natural Products, looked at the antibacterial activity of the five most common cannabinoids. All were found effective against several common multi-resistant bacterial strains, although, perhaps understandably, the researchers suggested that the non-psychotropic cannabinoids might prove more promising for eventual use. The researchers say they don't know how the cannabinoids work, & whether they would be effective as systemic antibiotics would require much more research & trials. But the compounds may prove useful sooner as a topical agent against methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA, to prevent the microbes from colonizing on the skin.

World wants Obama as president: poll – Sept 9, 2008 – *World* - US Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama may be struggling to nudge ahead of his Republican rival in polls at home, but people across the world want him in the White House, a BBC poll said. All 22 countries covered in the poll would prefer to see Senator Obama elected US president ahead of Republican John McCain. In 17 of the 22 nations, people expect relations between the US & the rest of the world to improve if Senator Obama wins. More than 22,000 people were questioned by pollster GlobeScan in countries ranging from Australia to India & across Africa, Europe & South America. The margin in favour of Senator Obama ranged from 9% in India to 82% in Kenya, while an average of 49% across the 22 countries preferred Senator Obama compared with 12% preferring Senator McCain. Some four in 10 did not take a view. "Large numbers of people around the world clearly like what Barack Obama represents," GlobeScan chairman Doug Miller said. "Given how negative America's international image is at present, it is quite striking that only one in five think a McCain presidency would improve on the Bush administration's relations with the world." In the United States, 3 polls taken since the Republican party convention ended on Thursday (local time) show Senator McCain with a lead of 1 to 4 percentage points - within the margin of error - & 2 others show the 2 neck-and-neck. The countries most optimistic that an Obama presidency would improve relations were America's NATO allies, including Australia (62%). A similar BBC / Globescan poll conducted ahead of the 2004 U.S presidential election found that, of 35 countries polled, 30 would have preferred to see Democratic nominee John Kerry, rather than the incumbent George Bush, who was elected. A total of 23,531 people in Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Nigeria, Panama, the Philippines, Poland, Russia, Singapore, Turkey, the UAE, Britain & the United States were interviewed face-to-face or by telephone in July & August 2008 for the poll.

A little old lady answered a knock on the door one day, seeing a well-dressed young man carrying a vacuum cleaner. 'Good morning,' said the young man. 'If I could take a couple of minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners.' 'Go away!' said the old lady. 'I'm broke & haven't got any money!' & she began to close the door. Quick as a flash, the young man wedged his foot in the door & pushed it wide open. 'Don't be too hasty!' he said. 'Not until you have at least seen my demonstration.' And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse manure onto her hallway carpet! 'If this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this horse manure from your carpet, Madam, I will personally eat the remainder.' The old lady stepped back & said, "Well Let me get you a fork, 'cause the power company cut off my electricity this morning."

Head Out on the Highway – Sept 10, 2008 – *Milwaukee, Wisconsin* - By Ann Landi - A low rumble fills the air as riders pull up to the new H-D Museum, a trio of low-slung, brick-and-steel buildings along the banks of the Menomonee River here, in this city where the 1st H-D bike was made & the company still has its corporate headquarters. Two streets with broad orange stripes, like the ones found at motorcycle rallies at Daytona or Sturgis, intersect near the entrance, & a huge three-dimensional H-D logo rises above the parking lot, where rows of gleaming bikes lead the eye toward a bronze statue of a hill climber, intrepidly guiding his bike upward, one arm raised like a bronco buster's to keep his balance. As if this weren't welcome enough, a sign announces "No Cages" -- meaning no cars or other four-wheeled vehicles are allowed in the sacred space allotted the bikes. "We wanted to make the buildings simple & honest, straightforward & heavy, with the structural parts exposed," says James Biber, a partner in Pentagram Architects, which worked on plans for the museum for eight years. "The louvers on the towers recall the engine. But the big metaphor is really that the bar & shield, sitting in an open tower, is like an engine sitting in the frame of a bike. It's the jewel in the frame, & the cross-bracings on the outside of the buildings are literally the structural bracing," he says. Mr. Biber, who rode a motorcycle without a license in college, decided that a rider really should design the project. So when his firm was short-listed, he went out, finally got that license, & bought a motorcycle (he now rides a Harley to work between his home in Brooklyn & his office in Manhattan). "This place could not feel the slightest bit pretentious, or too modern or too retro," Mr. Biber adds. "It had to feel like home to riders & also had to be welcoming to people who know nothing about Harley." The museum officially opened in July, at a cost of \$75 million, & expects about 300,000 visitors over the coming year. Tens of thousands showed up for the company's the 105th anniversary celebration, which included a Bruce Springsteen concert & motorcycle parade, over the Labor Day weekend. "The site came to life in the way we intended," says Stacey Schiesl, the museum's director. "We had a rally-like atmosphere, with the motorcycles outside as much of an attraction as the exhibits inside." Most of the devotees arriving on bikes on the cusp of the weekend are a tough-looking crew, dressed in denim & leather, do-rags & dusty boots. But once inside the massive Cor-ten steel doors, a sense of reverence prevails, in spite of the insistent "vroooooom!" from videos playing in the galleries. As your eyes adjust to the darker spaces of the interior, you begin to notice how the smallest details reinforce the Harley-Davidson experience. The light fixtures resemble exhaust pipes, & even the hand driers in the ladies' room exhort "Feel the Power" & send out a blast of air that ripples the skin on the backs of your hands. In the upstairs galleries, the museum tells the story of H-D, from its humble beginnings in a 10-by-15-foot wooden shack through occasional rough patches in its business history to its present position of eminence as the premier motorcycle company in the U.S., producing more than 330,000 bikes a year. "There's no other real American motorcycle," Mr. Biber claims. "The real competition is the fake Harleys made in Japan, like Yamahas & Suzukis, but they're just not the same." The year Harley was founded, 1903, happened to be a banner year in the annals of transportation -- the first Ford rolled off the assembly line in Detroit & the Wright Brothers took their maiden flight in Kitty Hawk, N.C. The fledgling motorcycle company consisted of William S. Harley, only 21 years old, & 2 Davidson brothers, Walter & Arthur (they were later joined by a third brother, William). The earliest bikes look a little like a kid's Schwinn with an engine slapped on above the pedals, but the team was self-conscious enough to start thinking about posterity early in the game. "As of 1915, the founders decided they would pull one bike

off the production line each year to set aside in an archive," says Ms. Schiesl. "Then they went back & got the earlier bikes." Thus a time line of motorcycles lets visitors follow the evolution of design & technology, including a defining moment during the Depression when the founders hesitantly introduced color & Art Deco designs after decades of producing models in drab tan, green, or gray. "This was an important turning point when we decided styling really mattered," says Ms. Schiesl, who worked her way up to her current position after an internship during business school, marketing jobs with Harley abroad, & a yearlong stint on the assembly line. Other galleries, such as one devoted to Harley engines, trace the development of the power end of the machines (known by such monikers as the Knucklehead, the Shovelhead & the Panhead), & hologram-like videos on the wall show the innards of an engine exploding & reconfiguring. A big part of Harley history is racing, & a slice of actual wooden track, at a 45-degree slope, with bikes attached is one of the most dramatic exhibits. Even motorcycles from the '20s easily reached speeds of 100 miles per hour & fatalities were not uncommon, leading to the eventual abolition of the banked track. Hill climbing, or racing up steep inclines, is celebrated too, in photos & other documents, & an interactive computer game lets visitors test their skills on a touch-sensitive screen. Several vitrines document women's early involvement with Harleys: For example, Amy & Effie Hotchkiss, a mother-daughter team, became the first women to cross the U.S. on a motorcycle in 1915 (it was a three-speed V-Twin with sidecar), & Vivian Bales rode solo in 1929 from Georgia to Milwaukee at the tender age of 20 (12% of Harley riders today are women). Downstairs galleries pick up the story through more recent times. Video clips offer scenes from beloved biker movies -- like "The Wild One" (1953), with a snarling Marlon Brando, or "Easy Rider" (1969), starring a young but wolfish Jack Nicholson (but don't expect outtakes from "Chopper Chicks in Zombietown" or "Satan's Sadists"). What's interesting to note is that this is where the real reprobate image of the biker begins, from the alienated youths of the 1950s through the acid-dropping hippies of the '60s. But it's a piece of countercultural history the museum prefers not to dwell upon -- you won't find any references to the Altamont Speedway Free Festival, for example, where members of the Hells Angels clashed violently with the crowds at a Rolling Stones concert in 1969. Attention is easily diverted, instead, to some over-the-top examples of custom bikes. The King Kong Harley, a whopping 13 feet long, has two complete engines, two sets of transmissions, & two sets of handlebars, while the Rhinestone Glide shimmers with thousands of rivets, studs, reflectors, & lights. Yet another interactive computer display lets you customize your own bike in less extravagant fashion & send it to an email address. The museum complex also includes "archives," where mechanics work on real bikes; a take-out café & a spiffy restaurant offering down-to-earth fare like barbecued ribs & flatbread pizzas; a retail store; & 20 acres of landscaped grounds along the riverfront, which have already become a popular site for weddings & parties. If the whole experience of the H-D Museum sometimes feels a little too sanitized or state-of-the-art gimmicky, so what? This engaging & entertaining homage to an American icon proves that even the baddest of bikers can have good clean fun.

I've often been asked, 'What do you old folks do now that you're retired?' Well...I'm fortunate to have a few friends who have chemical engineering backgrounds, & one of the things we enjoy most is turning beer, wine, bourbon, & martinis into urine. And, we're pretty damn good at it, too!!

Unconventional: As many as 1,000 people – Sept 10, 2008 – *California* – By Phillip Matier & Andrew Ross - a lot of them on motorcycles - are expected to be in town Sun for the funeral of slain San Francisco Hells Angels leader Mark “Papa” Guardado. Only problem is, finding a place to hold the memorial hasn’t been easy. There was talk of having the services at the South San Francisco Conference Center, near the airport. But center executive Sandra O’Toole said that after holding conversations with police, “We declined the event based on public safety concerns.” As of Tue, Guardado’s family & members of his biker group were still searching. They may have to resign themselves to Duggan’s Serra Mortuary on Westlake Ave in Daly City, site of a Hells Angels funeral a few months back that drew upward of 400 bikers. Guardado’s send-off figures to be bigger than that - law enforcement officials pegged him as the Angels’ top dog on the West Coast, so choppers will be roaring in from all over. “If something happened that required a police response, we would be ready,” Daly City police Capt. Mike Edwards said. “We would hope people would pay their respects & leave, & that’s what we’re expecting.” San Francisco police investigating Guardado’s killing Sept. 2 say he may have been gunned down by a member of a rival motorcycle club, but they’ve made no arrests.

McBride: Don’t say ‘ban’ - Sept 10, 2008 - *South Carolina* - By Lorena Anderson - Former Myrtle Beach Mayor Mark McBride, who once said he’d like to use his car to “nudge” a biker who wore an offensive T-shirt, pleaded on Tuesday with the council he used to lead to stop using the word “ban” when discussing the May motorcycle rallies. “Y’all better listen to me. I’m talking about public safety, & that lies in your hands,” McBride implored. “Take some time, step away by yourself & think through this. Talking about bans will instigate more problems.” He spoke at the afternoon City Council meeting before council members approved the first drafts of 14 anti-rally measures including a local helmet law, a juvenile curfew & 2 a.m. bar-closings for any establishment not selling food along with alcohol or not meeting specific standards, including the number of criminal incidents that occur on their premises. Each ordinance requires two votes, so none has become law yet. City staff members recommend different dates for the ordinances taking effect if they are approved, to give people time to comply. McBride said he’s all for the city strictly enforcing the laws & said the city should bring in as many police officers as it needs. “If they enforce the laws, people will not want to come back if their good time is curtailed,” McBride said. Council members considered each proposal individually, & only one member dissented on one item - requiring helmets while riding within city limits. Councilman Randal Wallace said he has always been on record opposing helmet & seat-belt laws & smoking bans, & “I’m not going to go back on that now,” he said. Mayor John Rhodes left town after the morning workshop to drive to Greenville to accept an award from the office of Gov. Mark Sanford for the city’s recreation programs. Before he left, he said he supported the proposed ordinances. The council heard a handful of people speak at the afternoon meeting, some for & some against the ordinances, or parts of them. Mayor Jeram, a local oceanfront hotelier, said shutting down the rallies would harm his business & those of many others. He urged the council to be cautious. Robert Kelley - who owns 3 hotels, 2 on U.S. 501 & 1 in North Myrtle Beach - said the city’s actions could hurt businesses across the county. “You are devaluing people’s properties, & you could be wrong about this,” Kelley said. “No one has done any economic impact studies. What if we are right & you’re wrong?” The city has said the rallies do ensure some businesses succeed, but others that don’t cater to bikers suffer. But Kelley pointed out that’s true at

other times during other events, too. “Not everyone makes money during the golf tournaments, either,” he said. One of the ordinances would allow the city to hold people who promote the rallies liable for any expenses the city incurs because of the rallies. H-D event promoter Mike Shank wondered how the city would apportion the responsibility. “We’d have to make the call at the time,” City Manager Tom Leath said.

Rival bikies shot in legs – Sept 10, 2008 – *Australia* – By Dylan Welch - A Court has heard of the horrifying ordeal of a bikie gang member who was bashed, shot & had his motorcycle stolen by what the prosecution alleges were high-ranking members of his own club during a bitter inter-city dispute. Scott Allan Orrock, Hassan “Sam” Ibrahim & Paul James Griffin faced Sydney District Court yesterday on weapons & violence charges stemming from a battle between warring Newcastle & Sydney Nomads chapters in 2004. The court heard the two groups met shortly before midday at the Newcastle chapter’s clubhouse, on Chin Chen Street in suburban Islington, on Sept 12. In his opening address, the Crown prosecutor, Michael Barr, outlined a savage attack that lasted less than 20 minutes but left two men with gunshot wounds to both kneecaps. Orrock, Ibrahim & Griffin were arrested in Dec 2006 after one of the men they had shot, former Newcastle Nomads sergeant-at-arms Dale Campton, turned police informer & alleged they were responsible for the attack. Barr said Campton had gone to his chapter’s Islington clubhouse in anticipation of a meeting with members from the Sydney West chapter of the outlaw motorcycle club. The Newcastle Nomads were immediately attacked by the Sydney men, with Newcastle club member Mark Chrystie shot in both legs by Ibrahim, Barr told the court. Ibrahim, 40, then allegedly approached Campton. “Ibrahim still had a pistol in his hand. Orrock was standing right next to him & the gun was about six inches from the top of Mr Campton’s knee,” Barr told the court. “Ibrahim fired the gun into Campton’s left knee & he then fired into his right knee.” Barr said Campton then saw Ibrahim turn & aim a pistol at a Bagnall, but the gun failed to fire. Campton was stripped of his club jacket & a gold ring with the club’s insignia on it, & then was pulled to his feet & forced to stagger inside to the clubhouse, where he was again punched & knocked to the floor, Barr said. The Sydney members then left the clubhouse & rode off on their bikes. Police arrived soon after to find one of the Newcastle Nomads trying to wash large pools of blood away, Barr said. They found a .22 calibre bullet lying on the ground, several .45 shell casings, some blood-soaked clothing & blood “running down the driveway & the backyard of the clubhouse, as well as pooling around the motorcycles”, Barr said. When police interviewed Campton in hospital two days later, he would not identify his attackers. “He said he didn’t know who did it & he didn’t want to know who did it,” Barr said. It was only much later, in May 2006, that Mr Campton told police that Orrock, Ibrahim & Griffin had been involved in the attack, Barr said.

Motorcycle & Music festival Sept. 13 – Sept 10, 2008 - *Kentucky* - By Vanessa Overholser - Rock & roll during the Southern Cruiser’s Riding Club’s (SCRC) 4th annual Motorcycle & Music Festival. The buck does not stop with wheels & tunes. There are activities for everyone during the Sept. 13 event. Every year the riding club features a bike show to raise funds for a particular charity. The members take a vote on the charity & this year the proceeds will go to the Lexington Shriners Hospital for Children, said the riding club’s 1st officer Anthony White.

In matters of style, swim with the current;
In matters of principle, stand like a rock “ - Thomas Jefferson

New attraction coming to Bikes, Blues & BBQ – Sept 10, 2008 - *Arkansas* - By Marsha L. Melnichak - Helicopter rides are the newest thrill & the newest ride for the Bikes, Blues & BBQ motorcycle rally. Clarion Inn will host helicopter rides from the hotel's north parking lot Sept. 26 & 27, said Lee Pieroni, director of sales for the hotel. Two to three people can ride in the R 44 helicopter in each trip, Pieroni said. Rides will start at 10 a. m., weather permitting. Riders will get to look down on crowds at the vendors area, Reynolds Razorback Stadium & along Dickson Street, she said. The rides are "not exactly connected" to the rally, Bob Corscadden, spokesman for Bikes, Blues & BBQ, said. Rally dates are Sept. 24-27 with events scheduled for Dickson Street, the Randal Tyson Track Center & Baum Stadium. He said estimates are that attendance at the Sturgis, S. D., bike rally was down this year; however, he said the feeling is that Fayetteville's rally will be at least as large as the year before.

Witness bolts in torture case – Sept 10, 2008 - *Australia* - By Melanie Pilling - A Man whose ears were allegedly cut off by Lone Wolves bikies has refused to give evidence against them, telling police he fears for his & his family's life, a court has been told. Defense solicitors representing the 4 men accused of being part of a violent attack at Currumbin in Nov last year were expecting to question David Holmes, 30, in Southport Magistrates Court yesterday. After pressure from solicitors & Magistrate Catherine Pirie to nominate a time for the crucial evidence, prosecutor Christina Heffner said Holmes had pulled out at the 'eleventh hour'. She told the court that when police had contacted Holmes on Sept 6 he was still willing to give evidence. However, she said that on Monday night, just a few hours after the conclusion of the 1st day of the committal hearing, Holmes sent a text message to a detective to say he would not give evidence. "We're safe. Our mate inside has made new friends in the last two months. Not just bike mates but a few other influential boys who can & will destroy my family's & some close friends' quality of life," Holmes told Detective Sen-Sgt Mark Reid via the text message about 7.50pm on Mon. "My family has been thru enuff. Youse are on your own," he wrote. "I did all I could. Please respect my choice as I have none." At 2.42am yesterday, Holmes sent another text message to Det Sen-Sgt Reid to confirm his position. "I don't care about compo. I came to you to stop a war & I thought it worked but his new tricycle mates are backing him 100%. Along with another very high profile lad who needs no mentioning & it's a whole new ball game," he wrote. Ms Heffner said a 3rd text message was sent from Holmes to Det Sen-Sgt Reid, but the contents of that message were not read to the court. She said police had gone to Holmes's home yesterday morning to check on his safety & take him to court to give evidence, but he was not there & they were unable to contact him. She told the court numerous police were now involved in an operation to try to locate Holmes. Holmes was to be the key witness in the case against Aaron Scheers, 24, Benjamin Dehnen, 31, Ray Brooks, 30, & James Murphy, 25, who are charged with torture, kidnapping & grievous bodily harm with intent to disfigure. In evidence on Monday -- provided to the court via a video re-enactment of the alleged attack - Holmes told police he had been kidnapped from his home about 5am by 2 men & taken to bushland where he was at 1st assaulted with a baseball bat. He told police both his ear lobes were cut off & his face sliced with a knife. Holmes said the men had accused him of 'robbing' someone, which he denied.

Hells Angels member charged with extortion – Sept 11, 2008 - *California* - A Hells Angels member was charged Wed with felony extortion & drug & weapon offenses after authorities say

he used "force or fear" while trying to collect a debt. James Ivans, 37, of Ventura, is charged with extortion, possession of methamphetamine for sale & possession of a deadly weapon, the Ventura County Sheriff's Dept said Wed in a statement. Ivans was arrested on Sept 4 after the Sheriff's Gang Unit served a search warrant at his home in the 300 block of Franklin Lane in Ventura, according to the Sheriff's Dept. Investigators found 5.3 grams of methamphetamine, materials used to package methamphetamine for sale, a handgun & metal knuckles, according to the release. Ivans was arrested near the home & was later released on bail. The felony charges were filed Wed by the Ventura County District Atty's Office. The investigation began July 9, when police were called to Comanche Custom Choppers, 555 Spring St., Moorpark, for an investigation of an alleged extortion.

Lake Mead National Recreation Area Hosts – Sept 11, 2008 – *Nevada* - By Bob Janiskee - There were some troublesome incidents, which are fairly common at Lake Mead, but nearly all of the more than 150,000 visitors who flocked to Lake Mead National Recreation Area Labor Day weekend had lots of fun. This happy outcome was not determined by chance. National Park Service personnel went to great lengths to protect & serve park visitors, a task which included making sure that a Hells Angels biker event didn't become disruptive. The Lake Mead & Mohave District staff implemented an incident operations plan for handling the huge influx of visitors expected on Labor Day weekend. The plan, which provided 24-hour coverage from Friday through Monday, certainly proved necessary. It was a very busy weekend at Lake Mead. More than 150,000 visitors showed up, & about 25% of them overnighted in the park. A severe thunderstorm, carelessness, inexperience, intoxication, & bad luck combined to produce numerous incidents. There were 390 vehicle stops & 13 alcohol-related arrests. Dispatchers received a total of 427 emergency calls. Dozens of people had to be rescued after storm-driven waves, some up to five feet, swamped many boats & sunk several. At Six Mile Cove, a 10-year old boy swimming near shore in turbulent water went under & was rescued in the nick of time. At Callville Bay Marina, the commodore of the Lake Mead Yacht Club slipped from the dock & drowned. Gary Warshefski, Deputy Superintendent at Lake Mead, told me that the weekend went quite well, all things considered. Given the huge size of the weekend crowd, the severity of the storm that boiled up Sunday afternoon, & factors such as the very limited skills of many boaters, there could have been many more incidents & serious injuries or fatalities. A Hells Angels poker run that was issued a permit to pass through Lake Mead during Labor Day weekend was of special concern to Lake Mead officials. The Hells Angels are one of the big four "outlaw motorcycle gangs" (the others being the Outlaws, the Pagans, & the Bandidos). As most people are aware, the Harley-riding Hells Angels got their outlaw reputation because of their habit of behaving very disruptively, & sometimes violently. To make sure there would be an appropriate show of force, making it clear to the biker group that they would be given no slack in the park, Lake Mead officials arranged for a very strong law enforcement presence. On hand were a Park Police Special Event & Tactical Team (SETT), rangers borrowed from Golden Gate National Recreation Area & Yosemite National Park, National Park Service special agents, & officers from other federal agencies. Also assisting were officers from Clark County, Las Vegas, & the nearby communities of Henderson, Boulder City, & Hoover Dam. Thanks to the good work of the SETT & other enforcement officers, the Hells Angels poker run, which involved about 150 bikers, was minimally disruptive.

Judge disqualifies lead investigator in Hell's Angels – Sept 11, 2008 – *Eureka Springs, Arkansas* - By Terry Shirley & Wayne Wade - The lead investigator of the case being made against 6 Hells Angels for allegedly assaulting four Bandidos was disqualified as a witness by Judge Allen Epley at a hearing on Mon. The defense asked the court to exclude any in-court identification testimony by Bandido Isidro Zerrata & to dismiss the case against the Hells Angels for prosecutorial misconduct which resulted in the defendants' rights being violated. At issue was an interview conducted by the case's lead investigator, Detective Morris Pate of the Eureka Springs PD, with Bandido Zerrata in August 2007, shortly after the attack. The defense motion stated Pate recorded an audio tape of the interview & then drafted a misleading typed report that left out significant exculpatory evidence. Following this, he testified under oath before the court in January of this year to facts that were directly contrary to the truthful content of the actual interview with Zerrata in Aug, 2007, according to the defense's motion. In addition, the existence of the audio recording was not disclosed to the defense during the discovery process. The fact that it existed was not revealed until an omnibus hearing this past Jan when Pate mentioned it during his testimony. During Monday's hearing, the prosecution argued that the tape was one of many tapes & discs provided to the defense & this one had been lost behind a file cabinet. They denied any intentional misconduct. Among specifics concerning Pate's testimony is his denial that he asked Zerrata if the men from the red truck were wearing any kind of colors or insignia. On the audio tape he asks Zerrata if the assailants were wearing badges. [A badge is a patch or insignia that indicates how many times a Hells Angel has engaged in combat on behalf of his brotherhood. Some of the badges even indicate what kind of weapon was used.] Zerrata told Pate they were not wearing badges. Also regarding the detective's testimony in response to a prosecution question, Pate said, "In the statement Mr. Robert Zerrata stated he was waved over by a red truck." In the audio taped interview Zerrata never mentions a red truck. In the audio tape interview Zerrata does not know how many assailants attacked him. He does not know how many were in the truck or how many were on motorcycles. Unwarranted assumptions? In his testimony, Pate made what the defense characterized as an assumption when he said there were three men in the truck. Nor did Zerrata describe the attackers as wearing any clothing indicative of membership in Hells Angels. The tape recorded interview also reveals that Pate asks Zerrata if the truck had Massachusetts license plates. The Bandido didn't know. The defense motion asserts this is "tipping" or coaching Zerrata for a future photo lineup in which Zerrata picks out the 6 defendants. Defense attorneys describe their clients' photos as sharp & recent while other photos were soft-focus & old looking. The "other" photos included elderly men & even one of Sonny Barger, the legendary Hells Angels leader who volunteered his brothers to fight in Viet Nam provided they could operate as an independent unit. Other acts of "fixing" the photo lineup that tie-in to "tipping" the biker during the audio taped interview include outfitting the defendants in garments similar to the attackers to include colors with rockers [patches] that read "Boston" & partially concealing their faces since Zerrata told Pate two of the attackers wore skull masks according to the defense. The photo lineup versus the tape recorded interview, when Zerrata said he couldn't identify anyone because the event happened so fast, was part of the defense argument to prohibit Zerrata from making a positive identification in the courtroom. They also indicated that disqualifying Pate from testifying at the trial would be acceptable relief for the prosecution failing to make the tape available & the inconsistencies in Pate's written report & testimony. Prosecutor

Kim Weber argued vehemently against the sanctions. Pate's alleged transgressions were at the worst, "inadvertent." And it was a moot point on preventing Zerrata from making a courtroom identification of his attackers, because he has notified prosecutors that he will not show up for the trial. Judge Epley ruled the defendants' right to due process had indeed been violated due to the delay in providing the defense with the tape. He agreed that Pate did engage in misconduct & disqualified him from testifying during the trial. However, he also agreed with the prosecution that Pate's misconduct was inadvertent. Weber told the judge the state would appeal his decision. In an interview with Pate on Tuesday afternoon, the detective denied any intentional misconduct & referred to Judge Epley's "inadvertent" comment in his ruling. "My reputation [as a straight shooter] precedes me," Pate said. "And we've got enough evidence & witnesses to the attack to prevail without me." Prosecutor Tony Rogers made the same assessment. "We've got witnesses that were near the crime scene & we've got plenty of evidence collected at the crime scene. We're looking forward to going to trial." When asked if the state was actually going to appeal Judge Epley's decision to exclude Pate as a witness or was Weber's assertion to the judge made in the heat of battle, Rogers said, "Well, we've got 30 days to file an appeal, so we're evaluating it." When asked if it were true that, in addition to Zerrata, none of the Bandidos would appear at the trial, Rogers responded "It is my understanding that none of them will appear. Asked if Bandido Robert Thuston, 1 of 2 to escape the attack & who cooperated with ESPD Police Chief Earl Hyatt in describing the ambush & identifying the perpetrators, is dead, the result of a motorcycle crash near Beaumont, Texas, Rogers confirmed that the biker is gone. Rogers also confirmed that Mon was Weber's last day with the prosecutor's office. "She was always part-time & her private practice in Rogers is taking off & we can no longer afford to keep her." When asked if there was DNA evidence collected at the crime scene or elsewhere he responded, "I think you can tell from my 'no comment' what my answer to that question really is," the prosecutor laughed. But defense attorney Tim Parker begs to disagree. "It is my understanding that there is no DNA evidence on any of the aluminum baseball bats or knives collected at the crime scene, from the truck, motorcycles or defendants," Weaver said. "The prosecutor has said he's keeping an open file on this case. We shall see." A confidential source, who was at the crime scene shortly after the attack & wishes to remain unidentified at this time for job security reasons, reported one of the injured Bandidos on the ground was wearing surgical gloves. When asked about the significance of this report, Parker responded, "Well, there goes their [the prosecution's] unprovoked attack theory. But they'll probably spin it that after being hit by a baseball bat & stabbed, the guy put on surgical gloves & began rendering aid to his buddies." The prosecution was not available at press time for comment on this report. Judge Epley also ruled in favor of a defense motion that would require non-Bandido witnesses to 1st identify the defendants in some type of identification procedure prior to making a courtroom Id. All of the defendants have agreed to appear in a pre-trial lineup. "I imagine they'll all be dressed like lawyers," the judge commented. The case was continued until Mar 16, 2009, due to defense atty Elliot Weinstein's treatment & rehab schedule for cancer.

God's Problem Now: The graveside service just barely finished, when there was massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance. The little old man looked at the pastor & calmly said, "Well, she's there."

All Sturgis shooting defendants to appear - Sept 11, 2008 - *Sturgis, South Dakota* - By Wendy Pitlick; Black Hills Pioneer - Meade County State's Atty Jesse Sondreal said this week that he expects all 6 defendants in a Sturgis Motorcycle Rally shooting case to appear voluntarily & in person for court dates. On Sept. 24 court proceedings will start for Hells Angels member Joseph McGuire, 33, of Imperial Beach, Calif. McGuire, who has been indicted on aggravated assault charges, a Class 3 felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison, is charged in connection with an Aug 9 shooting at the Loud American Roadhouse. McGuire & other members of the Hells Angels club allegedly jumped off-duty Seattle Police Officer Ron Smith, 43, a member of the Iron Pigs MC that is comprised of law enforcement officials & firefighters. Smith has said in previous statements that he feared for his life when he opened fire & shot McGuire twice - once in the leg & once in the stomach - sending the Hells Angel to the intensive care unit of Rapid City Regional Hospital, where he underwent major surgery. Smith, has also been charged with aggravated assault, as well as carrying a concealed weapon without a permit. His court date has not been scheduled. James Rector, Scott Lazalde, & Dennis McCoy, all of Washington, & Erik Pingel, of Aurora, Colo., all members of the Iron Pigs, have also been charged with carrying a concealed weapon without a permit, a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in the county jail. Sondreal said while all the defendants are from out of state, he expects them to return to South Dakota voluntarily to answer their charges, rather than use videoconferencing or other teleconferencing technology.

Local Sept. 11 memorial events - Sept 11, 2008 - *South Carolina* - The North Myrtle Beach Lions Club, the city of North Myrtle Beach & veterans motorcycle group Rolling Thunder are hosting a public memorial service tonight to remember the victims & heroes of Sept. 11, 2001. The Rolling Thunder bikers will travel down Main Street to Ocean Boulevard at 7:20 p.m., at which time there will be a singer, followed by speakers including the mayor & a New York firefighter. Attendees will receive blue & red glow sticks to carry to the beach to help launch a memorial wreath into the ocean. Participants are asked to bring flashlights to create red, white & blue lighting for the event.

Bikers invited to Sunday toy run - Sept 11, 2008 - *Maine* - By Larry Grard - The United Bikers of Maine has enhanced the club's reputation with its annual toy run, which collects thousands of Christmas toys for underprivileged children in the state. But the effort can't be made without motorcycle noise & traffic tie-ups. As the motorcyclists gather Sun in Waterville & other meeting points on their way to the Augusta Civic Center, the director of United Bikers' Kennebec County chapter wants to avoid problems & complaints that beset the Waterville gathering last year, he said. "We got complaints last year that traffic was held up coming out of the Home Depot parking lot & Armory Road," said Jim Maloy. "A lot of people do show up to see us ride off. I do sort of want to warn the public." Maloy said bikers from Kennebec County & other northern Maine counties -- as many as 400 of them -- will meet in Waterville Sun morning in the Kmart parking lot, at around 9. At 11, they will exit the Elm Plaza, take a left onto Upper Main Street & take Interstate 95 south to Augusta. Up to 15,000 bikers -- not all of them members of United Bikers - will meet at the Augusta Civic Center. They will ride from there to the Windsor Fairgrounds, where the bikers will distribute the toys to social-service organizations. "Everybody carries their own toys," Maloy said. "I'm going to buy mine at the Waterville Kmart while I'm there. Anybody with a motorcycle is welcome to attend this event. We invite everybody to bring a toy."

Biker's jail vow in attack case - Sept 11, 2008 - *United Kingdom* - A Hells Angels bike gang member has said he would rather go to jail than give evidence in a court case because it is against "brotherhood" rules. Sean Timmins, 37, has denied attacking a man at a petrol station in Cardiff, telling a jury at Cardiff Crown court that he was 132 miles away at the time. He told a judge he knows the identity of the actual attacker, but would not reveal it because he is also an Angel. Neil Lake needed 3 metal plates inserted in his face after the attack. Prosecutor Tony Trigg told the court Lake had stopped at the Asda petrol station in Cardiff Bay, south Wales, in April last year when he saw a group of Hells Angels. He said: "Lake saw a group of Hells Angels motorcyclists at the pumps. "One of the Hells Angels approached him & asked: "Have you got a problem?" "If a man approaches you wearing Hells Angel motorcycle leathers, then asks you if you have a problem - you know you have got a problem. "Timmins then punched Lake with a single, heavy blow with his gloved hand causing severe facial fractures. "The motorcycles rode off & Lake wrote down the registration number in the dust on the back of his car. "Timmins was the registered keeper of that H-D Road King." Trigg told the court Lake later identified Timmins as the man who had attacked him. But the court heard claims that Timmins had been laying a driveway near his home in Wolverhampton & he said another Hells Angel had carried out the attack. Timmins, who has been a Hells Angels member for 15 years, refused to say who the member of the "brotherhood" was as he would be kicked out of the club. '*Serious position*': "We don't blab on each other & that's a fact," he told the court. "If that means being held in contempt of this court so be it. "I know I'm in a serious position but I can't tell you who it is - I would rather go to jail. "I've been arrested for something I haven't done. "I made a no comment interview to the police because in the Hells Angels we don't make statements - the rules of the club prevent it. "Even if you are in jeopardy, these are the rules of the club." Timmins, of Caven, Wolverhampton, denies causing grievous bodily harm & inflicting grievous bodily harm on Lake. The trial continues.

Group Therapy: A psychiatrist was conducting a group therapy session with 4 young mothers & their small children. 'You all have obsessions,' he observed. To the 1st mother, Mary, he said, 'You are obsessed with eating. You've even named your daughter Candy.' He turned to the 2nd Mom, Ann: 'Your obsession is with money. Again, it manifests itself in your child's name, Penny.' He turned to the 3rd Mom, Joyce: 'Your obsession is alcohol. This too shows itself in your child's name, Brandy.' At this point, the 4th mother, Kathy, quietly got up, took her little boy by the hand & whispered, 'Come on, Dick, we're leaving.'

Police Recruitment: A man, having applied to join the police force, is being interviewed. The Inspector says 'Your qualifications are 1st-class but there is one test that you must pass before I can recruit you.' Sliding a small bag across the desk, he continues 'Take this gun, go out & shoot 6 illegal immigrants, 6 Obama delegates & a rabbit.' The man says 'Why the rabbit?' 'Fantastic attitude!' says the inspector. 'When can you start?'

While I have long believed that I will never get old, I have come to the realization that sooner or later there will be more people younger than me.

My Internal Medicine Doctor got me a referral to a urologist. I went yesterday. OMG, She's beautiful & unbelievably sexy! She told me that I have to stop masturbating. I asked her why. She said, 'Because I am trying to examine you.'

Fiction: Motorcycles And The Culture They Inspire – August 2008 - USA - Motorcycles And The Culture They Inspire 1868-2017 - By L.J. James - Many of the “facts” in this story are based on Legend & Myth as much of the history of the Motorcycle & it’s Culture was lost in the great rebellion of 2057. Taken from a history book in the year 2095...

Motorcycles started out as steam engines strapped on to bicycles in 1868. Soon after the gas engine took its place in the 1900’s there were Motorcycle shops & Dealers all over the World. For awhile, Motorcycle were simply used as transportation. In 1907, when Henry Fords, Ford Motor Company, released the Model-T at a price everyone could afford, the Motorcycle soon went from a necessity to a luxury item. In the 1940’s, the Motorcycle Culture really took off. An organization called the **American Motorcycle Association** held races & events all over the United States of America. In 1947, held an event in Hollister California. This event was attended by many of the AMA Racing Teams & Motorcycle Clubs. This event marks the beginning of the separation of Motorcyclists which eventually led to the end of Motorcycling in the year 2017. Newspapers, being what they were in 1947, got a hold of pictures some pictures of Motorcyclists having fun at the event. The press decided to embellish the facts & transformed the story of the first large motorcycle rally into a torrid tale of Bikers taking over a small town! More negative news stories soon followed. Eventually Hollywood joined the Biker bashing by releasing movies that portrayed Motorcyclists as lawless & evil. The **American Motorcycle Association**, trying to end the bad press, responded by basically saying that the Newspapers had lied & that it was only One-Percent of Motorcyclists that caused problems. This resulted in the first ripple in the Unity of the Motorcycle World & the Medias’ hatred of Bikers. Around the same time, the AMA began adding new requirements for motorcycles to be able to race in AMA sanctioned Races. Those whose motorcycles didn’t meet the new AMA requirements started their own Race Leagues. Because the new Race Leagues/Clubs were not AMA sanctioned, they soon became known as Outlaw Race Leagues / Clubs. Although many Bikers raced in both the AMA & Outlaw Leagues, another great separation had begun.

By the late 1960’s, the separation of the Motorcycle Community was becoming more evident. There were now three basic groups. The **American Motorcycle Association**, **Outlaw Clubs**, & **One-Percenter Clubs**. All One-Percenters were outlaws, but not all outlaws were considered One-Percenters. Over the years, the AMA continued to grow. In addition to racing, they began to champion Motorcycle Rights & Safety. As time went on, others formed independent groups whose goals were similar to that of the AMA. Their inability or outright refusal to work together with the other groups resulted in a further separation of the Motorcycle Community & Culture. In the 1970’s, rifts began to grow between some of the outlaw / one-percent Clubs. By the 1990’s, the media had inflated stories about the conflicts into proportions that rivaled the tall tales of the old west. These tall tales invoked fear of the outlaw / one-percent Clubs. Motorcycle Riders were lied to, they were told to stay away from & fear the outlaw / one-percent Clubs. The media began referring to MCs as Motorcycle Gangs, a term meant to instill fear into the heart of the Public. Stories & rumors began surfacing, claiming these “Gangs” were ruthless & would kill or maim people for little or no reason at all.

By the early 21st Century, every minor conflict between outlaw / one-percent Clubs was made into a book, made for TV movie, or docudrama. Titles like “Motorcycle Gang Wars In Your Back

Yard” were common. Although real wars, conflicts, & suffering were occurring worldwide, the Corporate owned media chose to report fiction over fact. “The world is full of Kings & Queens who blind your eyes & steal your dreams...Black Sabbath”. In 2009, a conflict between two rival Clubs was captured on Video at a “Biker Build Off” event. The coverage by the media & negative publicity was so overwhelming that in 2010, the USA Gov’t passed a law banning all outlaw / one-percent Clubs. In response, the outlaw / one-percent Clubs put aside their differences & formed “Bikers United”. The Bikers fought back stating the law was unconstitutional & un-American. Even as late as 2010, workers still clung to the misguided belief that they had rights & lived in a free Nation. The Bikers fought hard & came very close to winning, but without the support of the Motorcycle Rights Groups, The AMA Clubs, & the Independent Riders, all of whom had been brainwashed into believing the Outlaw Clubs were criminal organizations, they were defeated.

Many of the outlaw / one-percent Clubs tried to stay together. The Clubs went underground, but after many raids & constant Government harassment, they had all but disappeared. In 2013, in an effort to ensure that the outlaw / one-percent Clubs never returned, the Gov’t decided to outlaw all Motorcycle Clubs & organizations. The AMA, its clubs, & all of the **Motorcycle Rights Organizations** United in an effort to battle the Gov’ts oppression. They tried to use many of the same tactics & strategies that the outlaw/one-percent Clubs used. Unfortunately, the Gov’t was much smarter & stronger this time around. They had learned many lessons in their fierce battles with the outlaw / one-percent Clubs, & they used what they had learned against the united Clubs & Organizations. With no outlaw / one-percent Clubs left to assist them & without the support of the Independent Riders, the United Clubs & Organizations were defeated.

In 2015, the Gov’t passed a law that made it illegal to even look like an Outlaw on a Motorcycle. The Independent Riders banned together to try & fight the law, but by this time their numbers were few & there wasn’t anyone left to show them how to fight for their rights. After a brief protest, they too were soundly defeated. In 2017, what was now a “Global Gov’t”, in its infinite wisdom, decided that Motorcycles posed a danger to the public. They passed a law banning Motorcycle manufacture & use & destroyed all existing Motorcycles. This brought to an end, the History of Motorcycles. It would take until the year 2093 before anything even close to resembling a Motorcycle reappeared.

As a historian looking back at the History of Motorcycles & the Culture it created, it amazes me how powerful the Motorcycle Culture could have been had they not let every little thing separate them. Instead of embracing something they had in common & working together to protect it, the instead let their differences, the media, & the Gov’t divide them. By the time the Bikers realized how much they were connected & needed each other, it was too late. Their numbers were certainly sufficient to achieve victory, but their failure to come together as Brothers & Sisters & work for the common good ultimately spelled their demise. Had they been victorious, it may have been enough to stop all of the oppression & tyranny that soon followed.

History is full of stories just like this one, over & over again. The ones who love & honor Freedom the most are taken down first & the rest fall like dominoes. Until the rebellion of 2057, we as a Global Society did not realize how important it was to put aside our differences. It may have taken awhile, but we finally figured it out...Just in time! Your Bro L. J. James...

Editorials: The Eternal Value of Privacy – August 2008 – USA

- By Bruce Schneier; USSA - The most common retort against privacy advocates -- by those in favor of ID checks, cameras, databases, data mining & other wholesale surveillance measures -- is this line: "If you aren't doing anything wrong, what do you have to hide?" *Some clever answers:* "If I'm not doing anything wrong, then you have no cause to watch me." "Because the Gov't gets to define what's wrong, & they keep changing the definition." "Because you might do something wrong with my information." My problem with quips like these -- as right as they are -- is that they accept the premise that privacy is about hiding a wrong. It's not. Privacy is an inherent human right, & a requirement for maintaining the human condition with dignity & respect. *Two proverbs say it best:* Quis custodiet custodes ipsos? ("Who watches the watchers?") & "Absolute power corrupts absolutely." Cardinal Richelieu understood the value of surveillance when he famously said, "If one would give me 6 lines written by the hand of the most honest man, I would find something in them to have him hanged." Watch someone long enough, & you'll find something to arrest -- or just blackmail -- with. Privacy is important because without it, surveillance information will be abused: to peep, to sell to marketers & to spy on political enemies -- whoever they happen to be at the time. Privacy protects us from abuses by those in power, even if we're doing nothing wrong at the time of surveillance. We do nothing wrong when we make love or go to the bathroom. We are not deliberately hiding anything when we seek out private places for reflection or conversation. We keep private journals, sing in the privacy of the shower, & write letters to secret lovers & then burn them. Privacy is a basic human need. A future in which privacy would face constant assault was so alien to the framers of the Constitution that it never occurred to them to call out privacy as an explicit right. Privacy was inherent to the nobility of their being & their cause. Of course being watched in your own home was unreasonable. Watching at all was an act so unseemly as to be inconceivable among gentlemen in their day. You watched convicted criminals, not free citizens. You ruled your own home. It's intrinsic to the concept of liberty. For if we are observed in all matters, we are constantly under threat of correction, judgment, criticism, even plagiarism of our own uniqueness. We become children, fettered under watchful eyes, constantly fearful that -- either now or in the uncertain future -- patterns we leave behind will be brought back to implicate us, by whatever authority has now become focused upon our once-private & innocent acts. We lose our individuality, because everything we do is observable & recordable. How many of us have paused during conversation in the past 4 1/2 years, suddenly aware that we might be eavesdropped on? Probably it was a phone conversation, although maybe it was an e-mail or instant-message exchange or a conversation in a public place. Maybe the topic was terrorism, or politics, or Islam. We stop suddenly, momentarily afraid that our words might be taken out of context, then we laugh at our paranoia & go on. But our demeanor has changed, & our words are subtly altered. This is the loss of freedom we face when our privacy is taken from us. This is life in former East Germany, or life in Saddam Hussein's Iraq. And it's our future as we allow an ever-intrusive eye into our personal, private lives. Too many wrongly characterize the debate as "security versus privacy." The real choice is liberty versus control. Tyranny, whether it arises under threat of foreign physical attack or under constant domestic authoritative scrutiny, is still tyranny. Liberty requires security without intrusion, security plus privacy. Widespread police surveillance is the very definition of a police state. And that's why we should champion privacy even when we have nothing to hide.

Riding Helmet-Free – Sept 11, 2008 – *Peoria, Illinois* – By Iris Perez - Illinois State Police say motorcycle crashes are on the rise by 300% in the past 2 years. While some say that is reason enough to have a helmet law, others believe there is good reason Illinois may never have one. ABATE Legislative Coordinator John Harris says he has been riding Harleys for as long as he can remember--without a helmet. "It blocks my peripheral vision & it knocks down on what I can hear... when a motorcycle gets run over by a car, that helmet ain't going to do a lot for you. If anything, you're going to end up being a vegetable in a wheelchair," smiled Harris. Police who respond to scenes of motorcycle accidents say without helmet law there is little they can do. "Less people riding a motorcycle are wearing a helmet. It is sad to see anybody die whether it's motorcycle crashes or not, but at this point in time it's their choice as to whether or not they want to wear a helmet," said State Trooper Tony Halsey. Those selling the two-wheelers say there are many legitimate reasons people choose to go helmet-free. Sales Manager of Walters Brothers H-D, Brad Wiebler said, "Possibly they don't want to buy a helmet because it's uncomfortable for them, it's too heavy, they don't like they way it blocks their vision." While customers have options aimed to alleviate their discomfort, some will never resort to the helmet rack. "A helmet isn't the cure for all these people getting hurt, the cure is we start respecting each other's space on the road," advised Harris.

A cowboy named Bud was overseeing his herd in a remote mountainous pasture in California when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced out of a dust cloud towards him. The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, Ray Ban sunglasses & YSL tie, leans out the window & asks the cowboy, 'If I tell you exactly how many cows & calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?' Bud looks at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd & calmly answers, 'Sure, why not?' The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his Cingular RAZR V3 cell phone, & surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo. The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photo shop & exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany. Within seconds, he receives an email on his Palm Pilot that the image has been processed & the data stored. He then accesses a MS- SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with email on his Blackberry and, after a few minutes, receives a response. Finally, he prints out a full-color 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP Laser Jet printer & finally turns to the cowboy & says, 'You have exactly 1,586 cows & calves.' 'That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves,' says Bud. He watches the young man select one of the animals & looks on amused as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car. Then Bud says to the young man, 'Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?' The young man thinks about it for a second & then says, 'Okay, why not?' 'You're a Congressman for the U.S. Government', says Bud. 'Wow! That's correct,' says the yuppie, 'but how did you guess that?' 'No guessing required.' answered the cowboy. 'You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You tried to show me how much smarter than me you are; & you don't know a thing about cows...this is a herd of sheep. *Now, give me back my dog.*

A man should be mourned at his birth.....
Not at his death. - Baron de Montesquieu

Judge denies Hells Angels trial delay – Sept 11, 2008 - *Sioux Falls, South Dakota* – By Carson Walker - The trial of 2 Hells Angels-affiliated bikers charged with a 2006 gunfight that injured several rival Outlaws will proceed Nov 3 as planned. But a Sioux Falls judge told defense lawyers Thu they could renew the request later. Wilson of Lynnwood, WA, & Midmore of Valparaiso, IN are to stand trial for attempted 1st-degree murder & commission of a felony while armed. Their attys asked for the delay because a Fed complaint hasn't been resolved. It accuses agencies & officials of withholding information that could help a claim Wilson & Midmore acted in self-defense because rival Outlaws members targeted them. Wilson is a Canadian citizen & Midmore has dual citizenship in Canada & Australia.

'Ear cut' court told of drug money – Sept 11, 2008 – *Australia* - By Melanie Pilling - A Botched drug deal was behind a biker 'ear-cutting' attack, a Southport Court was told yesterday. Scott Holland, 35, a former nominee of the Lone Wolves MC, said he & club member Aaron Drew Scheers, 24, drove to David Holmes' Currumbin home to confront him over missing money, alleged to be between \$40,000 & \$50,000. Holland gave evidence in Southport Magistrates Court that he was unsure how the deal had gone bad but agreed under cross-examination that the drugs purchased were not actually amphetamines, but could have been 'epson salts or the like'.

Suspect Identified In SF Hells Angels Murder – Sept 12, 2008 – *California* – By Joe Vazquez; CBS5 - A 35-year-old Modesto man believed to be a rival motorcycle gang member was being sought by police for the slaying of San Francisco's Hells Angels chapter president, authorities told CBS 5 late Thu. An arrest warrant was issued for Chris Ablett after detectives with the San Francisco Police Homicide Unit searched his home earlier in the day & seized a motorcycle he owns along with other potential evidence, SFPD Inspector Tom Cleary said. Detectives combed over the H-D for clues before loading it up on a platform & towing it away. The seized motorcycle, said Cleary, was believed to be driven by the gunman in the murder of Mark "Papa" Guardado, because its' license plate number matched that of one seen fleeing the crime scene. Guardado, 46, was gunned down around 10:30 p.m. Sept. 2 near the intersection of 24th Street & Treat Avenue in San Francisco's Mission District. Police said Guardado was shot by a man on a motorcycle who drove up to him & opened fire. Investigators said a witness indicated that the gunman was wearing an insignia for the rival "Mongols" gang. Ablett's mother confirmed to CBS 5 that he is a member of a motorcycle club. "Is he a member of the Mongols?", she was asked. "Something like that," the woman replied. A man who identified himself as Ablett's father said he didn't want to talk about the raid or his son. "No story here," said the man. "Because nobody here likes what he did. ... okay, or the fact that somebody's searching for him." Police said Ablett was not in custody as of Thursday evening & was believed to be on the run. His bail, upon arrest, would be set at \$5 million. Law enforcement records reviewed by CBS 5 show that Ablett has prior arrests for felony manslaughter, assault with a deadly weapon, drug possession & weapons violations.

Rival sought in slaying of Hells Angels leader – Sept 12, 2008 – *San Francisco, California* – By Jaxon Van Derbeken; SF Chronicle - Just days before Hells Angels bikers from around the West are expected to converge in the Bay Area for the funeral of the club's slain San Francisco leader, police said Thursday they are seeking a member of a rival club in his killing. Christopher Ablett, 37, of Modesto, a member of the Mongols Motorcycle

Club, has been identified by several witnesses as the man who shot Mark "Papa" Guardado to death last week in the Mission District, authorities said. Guardado, 46, was shot late Sept. 2 outside a bar at 24th St & Treat Ave after what police described as a "wrestling match" with the gunman. Authorities appealed to bikers coming to town for Guardado's funeral to behave peacefully & not to launch a retaliatory round of violence against the Mongols, who engaged in a deadly battle with Hells Angels members in a Nevada casino six years ago. Guardado was killed about a mile from the Hells Angels clubhouse on Tennessee Street, where he lived as head of what the group calls the Frisco chapter. Police say murder charges were filed against Ablett in San Francisco earlier this week. He is considered armed & dangerous, & is being sought on a \$5 million arrest warrant. Homicide Inspector Karen Lynch declined to elaborate on a possible motive for the killing, other than to say Guardado & Ablett apparently argued on the street before the shooting. Ablett is a freelance electrician who lives with his parents in a suburban neighborhood of Modesto, Lynch said. Police searched the home Thursday morning & seized his 2005 H-D motorcycle. Ablett's two children also live in the home. Christopher Ablett is described as white, 5 feet 11 inches tall & 210 pounds, with long brown hair, blue eyes & a long mustache. Police say they have no leads on his whereabouts. At least several hundred Hells Angels are expected to come to the Bay Area for Guardado's services Sunday & Monday in Daly City. They may also ride through San Francisco, Lynch said. "We're hoping to avoid any further violence by encouraging Mr. Ablett to surrender to us," Lynch said. She said she hopes the memorial gatherings will be free of conflict. "We hope all the parties will let us pursue justice & respect Guardado's memory by acting peaceably," she said. A person who answered the door Thursday at the Hells Angels clubhouse declined to comment. The Mongols are based in Southern California & have a clubhouse in Modesto. "Hundreds, if not thousands, of people are going to show up - they all cared for him," said Patrick Ciocca, attorney for Guardado in a battery case out of Petaluma that was unresolved at the time of his death. "It's going to be a celebration of Papa's life," Ciocca said. "I don't think that is going to change because they are looking for somebody. We're going to all try to remember the good things he stood for."

NY man sentenced for cocaine possession – Sept 12, 2008 - *Albany, New York* - A Fed judge has sentenced David Lust, 46, of Poland, NY to serve 18 months in Federal Prison following his guilty plea to possession of cocaine with intent to distribute. Lust is a member of the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club Nomads chapter. Following his release from federal prison Lust will also be required to serve three years on supervised release. Dominick Bonanza, 34, of Clayville, NY also pled guilty to cocaine distribution on April 25, 2008. However, Bonanza Thursday asked that his sentencing be adjourned until on September 24, 2008. At that hearing the Gov't will offer further evidence of Bonanza's activities as a prospective member of the club. In a related case, James Henry McAuley, Jr., vice president of the Rochester Hells Angels Chapter, was sentenced to serve 8 years in federal prison following his conviction for conspiring to murder members of a rival motorcycle club that was attempting to establish a presence in Fulton, New York.

Political Correctness is a doctrine, fostered by a delusional, illogical minority, & rabidly promoted by an unscrupulous mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a turd by the clean end.

Ogle some art & choppers, help out Boys & Girls Clubs – Sept 12, 2008 – *Denver, Colorado* - By Peter G. Chronis; Special to The Denver Post - Connoisseurs of motorcycles & art (some would say motorcycles are art) will gather Sat for the Hells Angels' 6th annual Choppers Art Show to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver. Although many people now build choppers, the Hells Angels practically wrote the book on the genre once shunned by mainstream manufacturers but now a staple of their product lineups. Devotees of the two-wheeled vehicles will be treated to a movable feast of glittering chrome, shimmering lacquer & custom metalwork in addition to paintings, drawings, posters, sculpture & photography. The one-day show, which runs from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m., will spotlight one-of-a-kind custom motorcycles & their builders, as well as local & national artists & photographers. As always, the Hells Angels restrict the bikes on display inside the gallery in the Santa Fe Art District to original vehicles that haven't previously been exhibited in a Choppers Art Show, according to club spokesman Jeff Heley. A highlight of the show will be an art signing by featured artist Sara Ray, who specializes in hot rods, pinups, rockabilly posters & World War II scenes. Her work has appeared on record covers, magazines, Fender & Gretsch guitars, T-shirts & posters, and, most recently, the Sucker Punch Sally's line of custom motorcycles. Local builders are welcome to compete in the ride-in custom motorcycle competition, which will be held at 4 p.m. The kids from the Boys & Girls Clubs once again will judge the event, Heley said. "The gallery is right behind the Boys & Girls Club," he said, "so there will be more access to the (club) so it will be more representative." Works of art & other motorcycle-related items will be offered for sale in a silent auction to benefit the club. Last year, the local Hells Angels chapter raised \$3,000 for the kids, Heley said, which was up from the previous year. "We're trying to keep it on the rise," he said. A DJ will provide music for guests, & there will be beer (no Hells Angels social event would be complete without beer), cocktails & tacos. Hells Angels' sixth annual Choppers Art Show Motorcycles, art & contests. The chopper club presents its annual display of bikes, plus multi-media art. Everything benefits the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver. Jazz B Studio's art gallery, 719 W. Eighth Ave., Denver. Sat, 2 pm to 1 am, \$10 at the door.

Prosecutor lays out case against former Hells Angels – Sept 12, 2008 - *Canada* - By Kim Bolan; Vancouver Sun - The Hells Angels are a worldwide criminal organization that exists to facilitate its members' illegal activities, B.C. Supreme Court was told Thu. Prosecutor Mark Levitz said in his opening address in a massive trial involving 4 members of the club that the Angels use their reputation for violence to earn money in the criminal underworld. Proof of that reputation are the weapons, ammunition & explosives police seized during their investigation into the East End chapter of the Hells Angels, Levitz told the 12-person jury. He said the "several guns & 4 hand grenades was the arsenal of the East End charter" & had been stored at the Surrey mobile home of the parents of accused Randy Potts. He said the Crown would call a witness who will testify that the grenades were functional & deadly. "These grenades could cause serious property damage or endanger life," Levitz said, describing the anticipated evidence. Levitz said the key witness in the case against Potts, Jean Violette, Ronaldo Lising & John Punko will be a former associate of the bikers named Michael Plante who agreed to be a police agent & infiltrate the East End chapter. Each of the accused "used Plante to help them commit crimes," Levitz explained. "Most of the crimes had to do with illegal drug trafficking," he said. "They each used Plante as muscle to help out on collections." The 28-count indictment alleges the Hells Angels

chapter is a criminal organization & that its members committed crimes such as extortion & uttering death threats "for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with a criminal organization, to wit the East End charter of the Hells Angels." "The Hells Angels is the most powerful outlaw motorcycle gang in the world," Levitz told the jury. "The main purpose of the Hells Angels is to facilitate or make easy the criminal activities of its members." Levitz said Plante was paid by police for his efforts & signed an agreement that he would be paid \$500,000 before testifying in a series of trials, plus another \$500,000 after all the cases are complete. "Plante's purpose was to make himself known to members so he could be accepted into the Hells Angels," Levitz said. He said the agent managed to get official "friend" status with the East End chapter on Jan 21, 04, meaning he had official duties at the East Georgia CH such as cleaning, grocery shopping & security at "church" meetings of full-patch members. But Plante was often wearing a police wire when talking with the accused about drug deals & proposed beatings, Levitz said. "During this time, Plante was walking a tightrope," Levitz said. "Plante took significant risks to his well-being." Levitz laid out several events in 2004 & 2005 in which the accused allegedly threatened or beat individuals who owed them money or had offended the Hells Angels in some way. One of the events took place in Kelowna & Plante & Lising allegedly drove together for several hours in a car that police had bugged. Lising laid out the hierarchy of the Hells Angel on the drive, Levitz said. "Being in the Hells Angels is an opportunity to make money," he quoted Lising as saying. He said Lising expressed concern about a rival biker gang called the Bandidos & said he "wants to stop the Bandidos from expanding, to nip them in the bud." Levitz said another wiretap has Hells Angels expressing concern about another rival gang called the United Nations. Both Levitz & Supreme Court Justice Selwyn Romilly cautioned the jury that the opening remarks did not constitute evidence, only the Crown's outline of the case it hopes to prove. Levitz said that when the evidence unfolds, it will consist of the agent's testimony, police surveillance, wiretaps & items seized by police, including the firearms, silencers, ammunition & videotape of the grenades being exploded by police. "There exists a culture of violence within the Hells Angels & particularly the East End chapter," Levitz said. Levitz referred to a call between the police agent & Punko, in which Punko was talking about possibly buying dynamite, prompting the agent to ask why the club would need it. "You never know. We are a bike club, man. We are the Hells Angels - a vicious bike club. You never know," Levitz quoted Punko as saying. Punko is also on tape saying the son of East End charter Pres John Bryce should be thrown out of the club because he didn't inflict any blows in a beating, Levitz alleged. Levitz said the hallmark of the club is "the opportunity to make money through crime by using the Hells Angels reputation for violence."

Bike show sues over cancellations – Sept 12, 2008 - *United Kingdom* - The organizer of 2 motorbike shows is suing 2 venues after his events were cancelled amid fears of violence. Steve Bennett claims to be £100,000 in debt & is taking legal action against the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society & Anglesey Show Society. The Welsh National Motorcycle Show was planned for Powys in May & the Anglesey event was halted in August. The national bike show at the Royal Welsh showground in Llanellwedd had been running since 2000, while the Isle of Anglesey Motorcycle Show started in 1999. Both events were cancelled on police advice after Dyfed-Powys Police & North Wales Police warned of possible violence between rival biker gangs.

Who think too little & talk too much. - John Dryden

Sell the Hollister Motorcycle Rally – not the T-shirts – Sept 12, 2008 – *California* - I had an uncle who was a gambler. Once, he secretly went to Las Vegas & then had to call home with instructions to sell his car & send him money to get back. When he returned, he claimed that he'd "broke even." One good thing about my uncle, though, he only gambled with his own money. That's not the case with the City of Hollister. They gambled, inappropriately, with taxpayers' money & lost - & now they are scrambling to reduce the damage. The city lost more than \$96,000 in public funds - & passed up the chance at making more - by going into the motorcycle rally T-shirt & merchandise business. They're now trying to liquidate the balance of the unsold stock. I wish them luck, but they should never have put themselves in that position. It will take almost \$10 million in Measure T sales to generate enough taxes to replace that loss. It's especially galling to have this happen in only the second year of the reorganized rally. The logic behind privatizing the event was to reduce the risk to the taxpayers, but that philosophy was ignored. Considering the city's financial condition & the 1 percent emergency sales tax, the decision to roll the dice with public money shows a level of hubris that is hard to comprehend. Had they gotten lucky & made money the city council & administration would be crowing, but it would still have been reckless decision. You do not bet the rent money on something you know nothing about. Bad gamblers & bad managers never admit they have a problem. They pretend everything is dandy or claim they know how to win next time. The city is a classic case. They're already presenting nonsensical scenarios for the future. One was to order & sell exactly the right amount of T-shirts. They never heard the old New York joke: "Of course you need a size 46-extra-long yellow suit, because that's all I have left in stock." Accepting that the loss was only \$96,300 requires a leap of faith. What about the additional loss of licensing fees for the official merchandise? It may have been worth another \$50,000, but who knows for sure - the city has carefully refrained from divulging the actual number. If our official brand had any value, they should have been able to sell an exclusive license upfront with little effort & zero risk. If no one was willing to pay licensing fees, it indicates no value. I've been a strong supporter of the motorcycle rally, but this is a prescription for failure. The right way to make more money from the rally was to ensure a good experience so the customers will continue to come back, reduce the overhead & pass all the costs to the commercial entities. The energy used for T-shirt sales should have gone into those three objectives & into fixing the complaints from last year's customers. Reducing overhead, especially the huge security costs, brings every dollar saved right to the bottom line. If security is going to cost a fortune, then that cost must be passed on to the beneficiaries through appropriately priced fees & temporary licenses. Many attendees have said that the rally has lost its focus & reason for being - the lure, history, power, beauty & freedom mystique of the motorcycle. The bikers come to see & be seen. Instead, the bikes are being shuttled off into expensive parking areas where they sit in isolation. It's supposed to be Easy Rider, not "shop 'til you drop." That is not a motorcycle rally - it's a flea market. This year's attendees also lamented the move from the traditional Fourth of July holiday. Like it or not, for many motorcyclists personal freedom is intimately connected with freedom of the road. The city should use its resources & talents to manage & sell the Hollister Motorcycle Rally, not the T-shirts. When the rally is great, the T-shirt concession will be worth a fortune.

Money: There's nothing in the world so demoralizing as money.
- Sophocles

Gangs muscle in on markets – Sept 12, 2008 - *Australia* - UnderWorld criminal networks & outlawed motorcycle gangs are exploiting weaknesses in corporate laws & poor regulation of financial markets, reaping multi-million-dollar profits from suspected share market manipulation, asset stripping & the snatching of control of companies they force into administration. Five state & federal agencies - Victoria Police Purana gangland taskforce, the Australian Federal Police, the Australian Crime Commission, the Australian Securities & Investments Commission & the Australian Tax Office - are investigating financial deals & share transactions worth at least \$100 million. Legitimate business owners have alleged that standover tactics, including physical threats & intimidation, have been used in some cases to try to force through deals or stop people going to the authorities. Detective Inspector Bernie Edwards, head of the Purana taskforce, told *The Weekend Australian* the business & finance sectors were rapidly becoming the new "powerbase" of organised crime.

Regional Motorcycle & Tattoo Event – Sept 12, 2008 – *Canton, Ohio* - Sturgis in the Midwest? The USA Motorcycle - Tattoo Classic, the hottest new regional event this fall, is coming to the Stark County Fairgrounds in Canton, Ohio. The event promises a weekend of star-studded entertainment for all motorcycle & tattoo enthusiasts, Sept 19 thru 21st.

Above this race of men stands an immense & tutelary power, which takes upon itself alone to secure their gratifications, & to watch over their fate. That power is absolute, minute, regular, provident, & mild. It would be like the authority of a parent, if, like that authority, its object was to prepare men for manhood; but it seeks on the contrary to keep them in perpetual childhood : it is well content that the people should rejoice, provided they think of nothing but rejoicing. For their happiness such a Gov't willingly labors, but it chooses to be the sole agent & the only arbiter of float happiness: it provides for their security, foresees & supplies their necessities, facilitates their pleasures, manages their principal concerns, directs their industry, regulates the descent of property, & subdivides their inheritances - what remains, but to spare them all the care of thinking & all the trouble of living? Thus it every day renders the exercise of the free agency of man less useful & less frequent; it circumscribes the will within a narrower range, & gradually robs a man of all the uses of himself. The principle of equality has prepared men for these things: it has predisposed men to endure them, & oftentimes to look on them as benefits. After having thus successively taken each member of the community in its powerful grasp, & fashioned them at will, the supreme power then extends its arm over the whole community. It covers the surface of society with a network of small complicated rules, minute & uniform, through which the most original minds & the most energetic characters cannot penetrate, to rise above the crowd. The will of man is not shattered, but softened, bent, & guided: men are seldom forced by it to act, but they are constantly restrained from acting : such a power does not destroy, but it prevents existence; it does not tyrannize, but it compresses, enervates, extinguishes, & stupefies a people, till [this] nation is reduced to be nothing better than a flock of timid & industrious animals, of which the Gov't is the shepherd. - Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*

Facts, Don't be alarmed: 9,000 people are fucking right now, 2,000 are kissing. 100 are getting head & 1 lonely fucker is reading emails. You hang in there sunshine.

Great deeds are usually wrought at great risks. - Herodotus

Johnny's Essay – By John “Johnny Bart” Bartolomeo – Currently in Federal Prison at *Fairton, New Jersey* - They have been described as killers, outlaws, terrorists, racists, & every other venom-laced label. The horror stories of Altamont, Hollister, & more recently, Laughlin, immediately come to mind. Yet, those close to the Hells Angels MC claim they simply live by an honorable code of morals & values that such soft & decadent times no longer permit. The authorities say the only code the Hells Angels live by is: “three can keep a secret if two are dead!” Whether fragmented world war two veterans or worldwide members of the new millennium, the Hells Angels have always been the target of a negative media smear campaign & an overzealous Gov't. Who better to write about one of the most intriguing groups of pop culture than one of its members. I am not Sonny Barger, accomplished author & businessman or Chuck Zito*, Hollywood actor & bodyguard to the stars. My name is Johnny Bart., Hells Angels Member, prisoner. The Gov't claims I am a killer.... I know all about this lifestyle: from club supporter to club member; from fast motorcycles to faster women, all the way up to a 35 year prison sentence for a federally manufactured crime. On one level or another it must be said that the media is the advertising arm of the Gov't. Through repetitious propaganda & obfuscation the media molds the minds of the masses & creates a general feeling of discontent toward Hells Angels. This is usually effectuated by the use of labels that have attached to them negative connotations. For example, “outlaw motorcycle gang.” This would imply that each & every member of the club worked outside the law of each respective country. Kobe Bryant's situation & countless others do not make the National Basketball Association a criminal association. Nor does Rae Carruth's involvement in murder make the National Football League a criminal organization. Yet, when legal issues arise for individual members of the “Hells Angels” the organization as a whole is termed a criminal one. The fact of the matter is, the majority of club members have legitimate occupations: from laborers & business owners to Hollywood actors & stuntmen. The club was started after world war two by veterans of that war. The name of the club actually comes from a daring group of fighter pilots, the name “Hells Angels” emblazoned on the side of their airplanes. The motorcycle club Hells Angels was started because many veterans, upon their return home, felt alienated & displaced. In the end these men came together to start a brotherhood of motorcyclists. Hells Angels was started by the flying Hells Angels, men who supposedly freed the world from the grips of tyranny! I'm sure the media wasn't referring to a squadron of fighter pilots doing their job over the south pacific as an “outlaw gang.” The only plausible analogy that fits here is, exercise strength, honor, & virility in a governmental capacity & you're a hero. Exercise these qualities in a nongovernmental capacity & you're a villain. The Hells Angels even went so far as to offer their services to then-president Lyndon B. Johnson, to aid the American troops in Vietnam. The members felt it was their duty as citizens of this country to eradicate the communist, red terror. Quite frankly, these are not the actions of an “outlaw gang,” but an honor bound duty of a patriotic band of brothers. Presently this country is engaged in a program that labels individuals & groups that dissent against Gov't policy as “terrorist.” This program is comparable to that of Bolshevik, Russia. There the term “enemy of the state” simply meant those who opposed the Bolsheviks. Yesterday's “enemy of the state” is today's “terrorist.” In conjunction with this is the systematic usurpation of civil liberties. The ultimate aim is to instill fear in the independent thinker & to crush the spirit of those who would exercise strength & virility. These virtues are no longer assets, they are seen as a threat to the Gov'ts fragile power structure. The emasculation of

all perceived opposition is the Gov'ts goal. This usually happens by crushing the opposition through subversion of the law. This is why the Gov't, through their propaganda machine, targets Hells Angels – it is seen as the last bastion of manhood in our society. From “outlaws” to “terrorists” to the quintessential label of our time: “racist.” A climate has been created in this country where this label is more damaging than any other. Here, a child molester is in higher standing than a racist. To be a racist is akin to being the devil himself. Those who disseminate the information wield their “racism” sword to discredit & demonize the perceived opposition because they know there is no viable defense in the eyes of the gullible masses. In almost every media article about the Hells Angels, the 1969 Rolling Stones concert at Altamont is alluded to support the claim that the organization as a whole is racist. There, the Hells Angels acted as security for the Rolling Stones. At one point during the concert, a black man in the front row pulled a gun & was then stabbed to death during the ensuing melee. A Hells Angel member was charged & later acquitted. Hells Angel, Sonny Barger, one of the club's founders, had this to say of the incident: “that black kid killed himself by pulling his gun. Pull a gun, get stabbed – that's life.” Does this mean the club as a whole is racist? My brothers would say no. This list includes my Puerto Rican brother, Buster; my Chinese brother, Steven; my Japanese brother, Fuki; & my many Mexican brothers! As for blacks being part of the club, we adhere to the same policy as the black motorcycle clubs that deny membership to whites. I call to memory the Ebony Wheels from Boston. The club respects them as men & calls them friends. They are welcome to Hells Angels' functions & Hells Angels are welcome to their functions. Not only is there no animosity, there is uniformity in club policy. Somewhere in the middle of all this is my story. If you were to read a newspaper on May 22, 1998, one day after my sentencing, the headlines would have read: “Hells Angel” gets 35 years for the murder of a rival gang member.” Yet, I was neither indicted for, nor found guilty of murder. I was indicted for drugs only. Odd isn't it? As for the drugs, there was an approximate total of 48 ounces on Methamphetamine & 30 ounces of cocaine. Believe it or not, there was an oddity with the drugs as well; not one grain was ever consumed! Every last bit was taken to a Gov't lab, tested & used for evidence. The reason for this is the Gov't orchestrated the drug deals. They didn't “catch me in the act,” they “made the act.” In the process, I was the star of their show. These drug transactions took place after my many refusals to initially participate with the Gov't (informant). It was after many months that I finally agreed to engage in the Gov'ts proposal. Noteworthy is the fact that I never once claimed ignorance; I did break the drug laws when I finally agreed. However, after I broke the law with a single drug transaction, I should have been arrested. At that point I could have been imprisoned for no longer than five years for the initial deal of 3 ounces of Methamphetamine. I was not arrested. The Gov't continued to orchestrate drug buys that would progressively increase the time I would have to spend in prison. Ultimately, instead of five years, I received a twenty-seven year sentence. At sentencing, after calculating my prison sentence for drugs, the judge enhanced my sentence due to a “preponderance of the evidence” that I murdered a rival gang member. On his own accord, not by that of a jury through an indictment, I received a thirty-five year prison sentence. No murder indictment, no evidence presented or rebutted, & no jury verdict. Yet, every newspaper in the country said I was a murderer. There I was, twenty-six years old, looking down the barrel of a virtual life sentence. All this simply because the Gov't, after accosting me, thought five years was not enough time for a Hells Angel. By no means do I claim here that Hells Angels are really angels. Of

course individual members have had their run-ins with the law, there's no question about that. I simply make the point that the media & Gov't continuously attack the club through a program of disinformation, overreaction, & overzealous prosecution. We have our ways, we speak our minds, & we are bound by strength & honor. It doesn't matter if a Hells Angel is right or wrong, in our eyes, he's right. We live by a simple yet stringent code: "If I lead, follow me. If I retreat, kill me. If I die, avenge me." The masses will continue to believe everything the media & authorities tell them to believe. They'll always be the good, little, programmed robots. Guys like me will continue to serve inordinately long prison sentences for crimes the Gov't thought-up & orchestrated. The media will emblazon guys like me across the headlines, & endorse the Gov'ts lies & trickery. The Hells Angels will continue to grow in number & grow in character until the Gov't outlaws its existence. What happens after that can only be conjecture? As for you, the next time Hells Angels make the headlines you'll know there's another side to the story. You may even be able to see the truth through my eyes. Johnny Bartolomeo #21270-038 *Footnote: Chuck Zito is no longer a member of the Hells Angels MC.

"Getting Old" By Richard *'Bingo'* Cosby
D.C. Eagles M.C. / Wisconsin Confederation Of Clubs

How can you tell when you're getting old?
Here is just one of the many ways:
There'll come a time when you'll realize
You'll have less tomorrows than you've had yesterdays.
I hope you've had more pleasure than pain
And that your joys outnumbered your sorrows.
I hope you did good things in your yesterdays
And will continue to - in your tomorrows.
Then God might look down one day -
(He works in mysterious ways) -
And decides you've earned a few more tomorrows -
For the good you did in your yesterdays
But I don't think getting old is bad!
And I sure you'll agree in the affirmative -
If you'll just stop and think for a bit -
You'll see! - It sure beats the alternative!

G.F.O.D. By *Moldy* One-Percenter - 1979
Outlaws M.C.

Ain't never been a politician
A baker... nor a priest
Don't know much about religion
And even less about yeast
Ain't never walked on water
Or pissed enough to cause a flood
Never met the devil face to face
Or made wine out of blood
Never been a Catholic
A Baptist... or Later Day Saint
Let God damn me if I ever been
Anything I really ain't
Never heard no voices
Even when I over amp
Never really been nothin'
But a die hard brother biker tramp
Of all the things that he can do
That my kind just won't
Is forgive... cuz Outlaws don't...

Councilman comes to grips with enormity of threat - Sept. 12, 2008 - *Janesville, Wisconsin* - By Gazette Staff - Yuri Rashkin said this morning he is just realizing the enormity of the knowledge that someone paid to have him and his girlfriend killed. Now, he's worried that Joseph R. Chrislaw Sr. might get out of jail on bail. Chrislaw on Tuesday paid \$2,000 to an undercover Janesville police officer posing as a Hells Angel willing to kill Chrislaw's estranged wife and her boyfriend, Rashkin, according to court documents. Police informed Rashkin of the plot on Tuesday, and Rashkin, 33, said he went into crisis mode to deal with the situation. Now that Chrislaw is in jail, Rashkin is feeling the psychological impact. "You start to digest the situation and you think, 'My life was in danger,'" Rashkin said this morning. "It may sound strange, but I feel more impacted today. "Something as drastic as this can have a very long-lasting effect." Rashkin said that his biggest concern is that Chrislaw will get out of jail on bail.

P.T.S.D. #5 By William *"Sly Willie* One-Percenter" Boring
Bandidos MC

Hey young stud I see them boots,
and the silver wings of a paratroop.

Hell Boy there was once a time
I was standin tall and looking fine.

But now I'm mostly out of luck,
and out of wine can you spare a buck.

It's true I'm fond of Muskatel,
but I dry out in the county jail.

The Mekong Delta weren't much fun,
got a Silver Star for what I done.

But a Purple Heart and Silver Star
couldn't get me in a bar.

Had to wait another year
cause I's too young to buy a beer.

And weren't no use going home,
Jody had my girl and gone.

And as I lay me down and sleep
I pray my sanity to keep.

Cause 30 years of guzzlin wine
won't wash away them dreams of mine.

And if I die before I wake,
yeah, if I die before I wake.
HELL, don't mean nothin....

G.B.N.F. <> R.I.P.
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Wait for that Wisest of all Counselors, Time. - Sophocles

What is a rebel? A man who says No! - Albert Camus

It's never too late to be what you want to be. - George Eliot

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