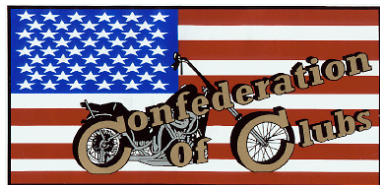


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**R.I.P. Outlaw Jingles** - By Richard '*Bingo*' Cosby  
*D.C. Eagles M.C. / Wisconsin Confederation Of Clubs*

He was a man among men - and a Brother to all.  
He was respected and honored by many!  
An Outlaw - for more years than I can recall -  
He was loved - and not disliked by any!  
Why did I write this? I Knew Him!  
When I needed a 'hand' - he was There!  
What more can I say? He was a Brother!  
And I wrote this - because I care!  
He is a loss to all true bikers - and  
I am proud to say - he called me Brother!  
So let us not forget that man!  
He was a man among men - like no other!

**Congratulation to Invader Noodles** on his release...

**Congratulations to Iron Ranger Brian** on your release date at the end of October.

**"Noli nothis permittere te terere..."**  
(Don't let the bastards wear you down)

**To take from one,** because it is thought his own industry & that of his fathers has acquired too much, in order to spare to others, who, or whose fathers, have not exercised equal industry & skill, is to violate arbitrarily the first principle of association, the guarantee to everyone the free exercise of his industry & the fruits acquired by it. - - Thomas Jefferson...



**Police Involved In Stand Off At Hells Angels' Home** – Sept 24, 2008 – *Oakland, California* - An Alameda County SWAT team surrounded a home owned by a member of the Hells Angels in Oakland Tue night during a search for a pair of murder suspects that turned into a brief standoff. Alameda County sheriff's deputies & Oakland police remained on the scene late into the evening after spending hours looking for 2 murder suspects & searching the home of a Hell Angels member who was briefly detained by officers. The home is located at 60<sup>th</sup> St & MacArthur Boulevard near Seminary in East Oakland. At around 5:30 pm, deputies were searching various neighborhoods for a man closely tied to 2 murder suspects was seen in the East Oakland neighborhood, according to Dept Sgt. J.D. Nelson. When the deputies arrived in front of the home on MacArthur, they found the man they were looking for - 24-year-old parolee Colt Gazzaway - standing outside. When they tried to arrest Gazzaway, deputies say he tried to run but they were able to catch him. "Sheriff's investigators upon arrest of Gazzaway developed info that he had been in & out of that home the last few days, which is why they made entry into that house," explained Sgt. Nelson. Oakland police entered the home to search for murder suspects Aaron Hammond & Ben Eddleman, both 33-years-old. Arrest warrants were issued last Thu for the 2 men who are suspected in a fatal shooting in unincorporated San Leandro Wed night, according to the Alameda Sheriff's Office. Sheriff's deputies responded around 6 p.m. to a report of shots fired at a home in the 1500 block of 167<sup>th</sup> Ave & found a 54-year-old man suffering from a single gunshot wound. The victim died at the scene. Homicide investigators Thursday obtained arrest warrants for Hammond & Eddleman. Investigators believe Eddleman may have fled in a black Honda Accord & Hammond may have fled in a red sport utility vehicle. Eddleman is 5 ft 11", 220 lbs, with brown hair & blue eyes. He may have also been shot Wed night. Hammond is 5 ft 4", 140 lbs, with brown hair & brown eyes. Neighbors told deputies that Gazzaway had been seen in the home before Tuesday & the sheriff's office believed Hammond & Eddleman, both 33, may have been inside. Law enforcement officers were out in force as they searched for the men in the surrounding area, but authorities came up empty handed as of late Tue evening. They did detain the owner of the home, Edward Proudfoot, who is a member of the Hell's Angels. Proudfoot's atty Portia Glassman said her client did nothing wrong & that law enforcement had no reason to invade his home while he was trying to quietly celebrate his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. The atty says she suspects Proudfoot is being targeted because of his affiliation with the Hells Angels. "This is devastating to enter someone's house this way & detain them for something they're not accused of doing & to shoot their dog," said Glassman. "It's horrible." Many Hells Angels including the president of the Oakland chapter arrived at the scene to support Proudfoot. Proudfoot was detained for aiding & abetting a fugitive, but his atty said he was later released without charges. The 2 murder suspects are still at large. Gazzaway is being held for violation of his parole. At around 10:30 p.m., Nelson said the warrant had been signed by a judge & a search was being conducted. At that time, he said no other arrests had been made since Gazzaway's.

**Motorcycle gang hosts regional meeting** – Sept 24, 2008 – *Ocala, Florida* - "You Meet The Nicest People On a Honda" was an advertising slogan for the fledgling Honda Motorcycle Co. in the 1960s, & was meant to portray motorcyclists in a positive light. Clifton Brinkley, president of the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club Florida Chapter III, & the rider of a Honda Goldwing 1500 named Summer Breeze II, exemplifies the mission of the law enforcement motorcycle club. The club's mission is to be a

social & fraternal club to provide fun & safe motorcycling for current & retired law enforcement personnel & their families. The 50-plus members of the Marion County chapter are hosting the Fall 2008 Southern Regional Conference in Ocala from Thursday through Sun (Sept. 25-28). Members from Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana & Alabama are expected to attend. The conference will be for members to "discuss current business & have fun," Brinkley said. Some portions of the activities are open to the public, including being able to visit vendor booths & displays in the parking lot of the Quality Inn at 3621 West Silver Springs Boulevard on Fri & Sat. The rest of the conference is for members only, including a motorcycle tour of horse country & a fish fry run. The rides will be escorted by the Marion County Sheriff's Office, & Sheriff Ed Dean is expected to speak at the conference banquet. The Blue Knights club was established in "1974 by Ed Gallant, a police officer with the Bangor, Maine, police Dept. After a United Press Internat'l report & a story in Road Rider Magazine, inquires began to pour in," according to club information. As of 2006, there were 572 chapters & 19,000 members in 28 countries. The club's Web site indicates there are 29 Florida chapters. Members must be active or retired law enforcement persons who have had "arrest powers," Brinkley said. Brinkley, a youthful 65, is a retired chief of police from Maryland & has lived in Ocala since 2004. He had a 35-year law enforcement career that included time as a motorcycle officer. "In Washington, D.C., I applied for motorcycle training," Brinkley said, because he wanted to try something different from the beat & patrol cars. "We did crowd control; the cycles were used like horses." In 1974 Brinkley got his first personal motorcycle, a Honda 350. Now, Summer Breeze II has replaced the 1,000cc Summer Breeze I. Brinkley said he likes the Honda because it's "so smooth & maintenance free." "I used to ride a Harley (Davidson) at work & then go home on my Honda," he said. Brinkley is adamant about the need to wear a helmet. "If you have ever 'been off' a moving cycle you'll come to appreciate the use of a helmet," he said. "Never ride without a helmet. All members are encouraged to wear helmets." Brinkley said motorcyclists riding at extremely high speeds & weaving in & out of traffic take risks & put their lives in someone else's hands in the event of lane changes or the opening of a car door. "The key to survival is always be in the defensive mode," Brinkley said. "I'm always scanning. If someone has their turn signal set to go left & the wheels are pointed right, they'll likely go right," he said. "I also check side streets for stop sign runners." Brinkley has extra running lights on this Honda for visibility & said that with safe riding, motorcyclists can enjoy the State of Florida - or be reckless & enjoy the emergency room. "There's no feeling like it," he said. "You can feel the elements come to you. You can't get that in a car."

**I was shocked**, confused, bewildered as I entered Heaven's door, Not by the beauty of it all, Nor the lights or its decor. But it was the folks in Heaven Who made me sputter & gasp; the thieves, the liars, the sinners, the alcoholics & the trash. There the kid from 7<sup>th</sup> grade who swiped my lunch money twice. Next to him was my old neighbor who never said anything nice. Herb, who I always thought was rotting away in hell, was sitting pretty on cloud nine, looking incredibly well. I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal? I would love to hear your take. How'd all these sinners get up here? God must've made a mistake. 'And why's everyone so quiet, so somber - give me a clue.' 'Hush, child,' He said, 'they're all in shock. No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

**Judge Not.** Remember... Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.

**NZ First makes gangs post-poll priority** – Sept 24, 2008 – *New Zealand* – By Patrick Gower - A South Australia-style ban on gangs will be one of NZ First's top priorities in any post-election negotiations. NZ First law & order spokesman Ron Mark yesterday tried to table a private member's bill that would make gang membership a criminal offence, punishable by up to five years in prison, but it was blocked by the Greens. "I want to give police the power to harass gangs to death," Mark said. "It is a shame the Greens saw fit to support gangs by attempting to close the door on the bill." The Anti-gang & Organized Crime Bill allows the Government to "declare" a particular gang a criminal organization, which gives police the power to issue "control orders" against its members & associates. Police could also issue "public safety" orders keeping gangs out of public places. A spokesman for NZ First leader Winston Peters said the ban would be given the "highest possible priority" if the party was re-elected & in a position to negotiate. Mark has been a long-time advocate of banning gangs & had drafted the his law before Corrections Minister Phil Goff last week said he was 100% in favor of the ban if it worked in South Australia. National's law & order spokesman Simon Power also said he was "attracted to the notion". Mark said NZ First had put "our money where our mouth is" by drawing up legislation. He disagreed with "nonsense arguments" that the ban would make gangs harder to police because it would drive them underground. "It might surprise them to learn that these gangs are already underground. "I will give police the powers to go in underground after them." Mark said the ban did not have be used only on "dumb, thick gangs that strut around with patches on their backs", but on sophisticated motorcycle gangs such as like the Head Hunters, Hell's Angels & Tribesmen, which were already hard to police. The Greens oppose the ban because it would put a barrier in the way of working with gangs to stop their criminality. Ron Mark's younger brother, Tui Mark, was once a Black Power gang Pres. Asked if Tui Mark supported his proposed gang ban, Mark said: "Why would he?" Tui Mark has left the gang. Mark said he had other family members in gangs, & while they did not agree with him, they respected his stand. "I'll lock up my own family if I have to," Mark said.

**4-day roar of cycles begins today** – Sept 25, 2008 – *Fayetteville, Arkansas* – By Richard Massey - The annual explosion of leather, denim & shimmering chrome has arrived, & organizers for Bikes, Blues & BBQ expect an enormous crowd for what's become one of the nation's premier rallies. Hotels & campgrounds in Fayetteville & throughout the region are either booked or are expected to be by Friday morning. For those bikers who pinched their pennies & skipped other events because of high fuel prices, now is the time to rumble through the lush hills of Washington, Benton & Carroll counties toward Fayetteville. In its ninth year, Bikes, Blues & BBQ touts itself as the largest charitable rally in the United States, & to date has donated more than \$ 500, 000 to nonprofits. Though it probably won't ever be as large as the renowned biker gathering in Sturgis, S. D., the Fayetteville event has asserted itself as family friendly in a world often flavored by outlaws. Event promoter Bob Corscadden likes the family friendly tag, saying the Bikes, Blues & BBQ brand is the perfect fit for the thousands who like bikes & bands but have no interest in motorcycle clubs like the Hells Angels or Boozefighters. For the weekend warriors, the winding Ozark roads, the quaint crush along Dickson Street & a hardworking crew of volunteers are enough to lift the rally to the top of the biker calendar. "Nobody feels like it's their job to make it the biggest, but people want to make it the best," Corscadden said.

**Search of Oakland home fails to turn up suspects in slaying** – Sept 25, 2008 – *Oakland, California* – By Henry Lee - Alameda County sheriff's investigators searching for 2 suspects in a recent slaying came up empty after they raided an Oakland home belonging to a member of the Hells Angels, authorities said. Investigators are still seeking Ben Eddleman & Aaron Hammond, both 33, on arrest warrants in connection with the Sept. 17 slaying of George Bailes, 54, in unincorporated San Leandro, said Alameda County sheriff's Lt. J.D. Nelson. Bailes was found shot at a home on the 1500 block of 167<sup>th</sup> Ave near East 14th St, Nelson said. Eddleman may have been shot during the incident, according to sheriff's Sgt. Scott Dudek. Authorities investigating Bailes' killing raided the house near Mills College after spotting a third man wanted for questioning in the case, 24-year-old Colt Gazzaway, standing on the 6000 block of MacArthur Blvd in East Oakland about 5 p.m. Tue, Nelson said. Police detained the owner of the home, Edward Proudfoot, but didn't find Eddleman or Hammond. Gazzaway, who has a drug conviction on his record, is being held for an alleged parole violation. Proudfoot is a 40-year member of the Hells Angels & was celebrating his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday before police arrived, said his lawyer, Portia Glassman. She said officers had no reason to search his home & complained that police had shot one of Proudfoot's dogs. The animal died, she said. "This is just another incident in which the sheriff has focused on a member of the Hells Angels due to his affiliation with the club & not due to any illegal behavior on the part of the person," Glassman said.

**Hells Angel sentenced to prison** – Sept 25, 2008 – *Rochester, New York* - A member of the famous Hells Angels motorcycle gang is being sent to prison. VP of the Rochester chapter, James Henry McAuley Jr., 59, was sentenced to 8 years in Fed prison. McAuley was previously convicted for planning to murder members of a rival motorcycle club in the Fulton area.

**Man Passes Gas, Charged with Battery on Officer** – Sept 25, 2008 – *West Virginia* - As if getting a DUI wasn't enough, a man arrested for driving under the influence got in a lot more trouble at the police station. Police stopped Jose Cruz in South Charleston Mon night for driving with his headlights off. Then, he failed sobriety tests & was arrested. When police were trying to get fingerprints, police say Cruz moved closer to the officer & passed gas on him. The investigating officer remarked in the criminal complaint that the odor was very strong. Cruz is now charged with battery on a police officer, as well as DUI & obstruction.

**Instant DNA analysis on a chip** – Sept 25, 2008 – *Virginia* - University of Virginia professor James Landers is known as 'a master of compression' because he has reduced an entire laboratory for DNA analysis to a chip the size of a common everyday microscope slide. His future handheld device may allow 'physicians, crime scene investigators, pharmacists, even the general public, to quickly & inexpensively conduct DNA tests from almost anywhere, without need for a complex & expensive central laboratory.' Landers said that with his a lab-on-a-chip, 'it takes just 30 minutes to do the work it would take three technicians & three instruments to complete in a week.' So far, this system exists only in the lab.

**If an American** is to amount to anything he must rely upon himself, & not upon the State; he must take pride in his own work, instead of sitting idle to envy the luck of others. He must face life with resolute courage, win victory if he can, & accept defeat if he must, without seeking to place on his fellow man a responsibility which is not theirs. - Theodore Roosevelt

**Bikers fought over patch** – Sept 25, 2008 – *Litchfield, Connecticut* – By Tracy Kennedy - A dispute over bestowing a one-year patch to a Forbidden MC member led to the shooting death of the club's president, a former member testified Tue. Roland Lagasse Jr., 51, knew there would be a fight at his motorcycle club, the Forbidden, the night he was allegedly gunned down by his fellow club member, Kevin Campbell, 53, Watertown, said Eugene Theborge, of Norwalk. "He said he was going to confront Jim & I shouldn't interfere," Theborge, the Forbidden's sergeant at arms, testified in Litchfield Superior Court. "He wanted to state his case, make his point & he didn't want to get interrupted." The point cost Lagasse his life as he took one bullet in the chest in the evening of June 27 out back of their club house located on 2936 Winsted Road, Torrington & may result in a jail sentence for Kevin Campbell. The details that surfaced Tue during a court hearing to determine probable cause left some club members shaking their heads & Lagasse's family members in tears. "He died for that club," Lagasse's mother, Rose Lagasse of Waterbury, said outside Litchfield Superior Court. "He was not armed. He did not deserve that." Judge James Ginocchio found the state, represented by State's Attorney David Shepack, provided sufficient evidence to establish probable cause in the prosecution of Kevin Campbell on charge of murder. Campbell's attorney Ralph Crozier said his client pleads not guilty to the charge & the case was continued until Oct. 21. He was arrested by Torrington police June 27 & is being held on \$2 million bond. Campbell's brother, Jim Campbell, the Forbidden's road captain, believed member Jerome "Rob" Welch didn't deserve the one-year patch. Lagasse believed otherwise. "I believe he wanted to show who was in charge," Theborge said. They decided to settle it "old school" & everybody walked around the back of the building. Theborge said he thought the 2 men would exchange a few punches & be done. Jim Campbell pointed his finger at Lagasse & Lagasse hit Jim in the face. "It knocked his glasses off & he slid down against the building," Theborge said. Kevin Campbell, standing behind his fallen brother, stepped toward Lagasse & reached on his right side. "Roland said 'You want some of this too m-f--?'" Theborge replayed the scene for the judge. Standing about 5 feet away, Kevin Campbell reportedly said, "'Yes, I'll have some f--,'" he testified. "That's when Kevin said, 'F-you, now you're a dead man.'" When the unarmed Lagasse saw Kevin Campbell lift the black .38 Special revolver with a laser scope, he recoiled, putting his hands up "surrendering," Theborge said. "Kevin reached for the gun," he said. "His arm stiffened. He had a straight arm & he brought the gun up & trained his sight on him & the gun went off." On cross-examination, Theborge told the court Campbell brought up the gun like a soldier. Theborge held his right arm up, bowed his head, imitating Campbell's action. Campbell, dressed in a prison-issued orange jumpsuit, was silent. Theborge was sure Campbell was standing & shot Lagasse point blank, he told Crozier. At the clubhouse, everyone, including Lagasse, was talking at once, telling Campbell to put it away. Campbell panned the gun toward his fellow club members, Theborge said. "I said to him, 'What did you do? What the f--- did you do? How could you take him away from his kids?'" Theborge recounted. Campbell's eyes showed a glimmer of remorse at that second, the witness said, & the question seemed to snap him out of it. Campbell walked away from Lagasse's body laying on the grass, he said. The bullet perforated Lagasse's left lung, aorta & posterior, according to a report prepared by the state Dept of the Chief Medical Examiner. Lagasse reportedly started the club in 2000 to hang out with his friends & do what he loved - riding motorcycles, his family said. "He was a man's man," Rose Lagasse said. "He loved motorcycles since he was a boy."

Lagasse, a tractor trailer truck driver, was divorced & had 3 children. "He was my only child & he took care of me," his mother said. "When that bullet went through his heart, it went through mine, too."

**Spilling Your Soda Becomes Fed Crime** – Sept 25, 2008 – *Idaho* – By Ryan Barrett - Last month while accompanying her father, a disabled vet, to the VA Medical Center in Boise, Natalie Walters bought a soda from the cafeteria. After finishing her drink, she refilled her mug & went to pay. The cafeteria has no set cost for refills, but usually charged her \$1 or \$1.50. This time, however, the clerk charged her \$3.80. Walters was none too thrilled about the refill markup. After asking to see a manager & trying to return the soda, she refused to pay & proceeded to pour it over the counter. We've all thrown tantrums like that, & no harm done, right? The U.S. Atty's office thinks otherwise. Walters has been slapped with Fed charges of larceny & disturbance, each of which could net her six months in the clink. We generally don't advise crying over split soda, but in this case, it might be the only viable solution.

**Reno Biker Rally Concerns Cops** – Sept 25, 2008 - *Reno, Nevada* – AP - With as many as 35,000 motorcycle enthusiasts expected in Reno this weekend, area LEOs have been receiving calls of concern about the potential for problems in the wake of recent violence in the Bay Area between rival gangs. Law officers say they are prepared if anything happens but they aren't expecting any violence at the Street Vibrations celebration that also extends to Sparks, Carson City, Virginia City & Lake Tahoe through Sun. "We don't have any reason to believe this isn't going to be a safe event," Washoe County Sheriff's Lt. Tim Kuzanek told the Reno Gazette-Journal. "If there is (a problem), we are certainly prepared to deal with it. We have planned for & are prepared for anything that would come up." The calls of concern stem from recent events in Bay Area, which started with the shooting death of San Francisco Hells Angels leader Mark "Papa" Guardado on Sept 2. Days later, a series of pipe bomb explosions took place outside the San Jose home of Mongols member Robert Rios. The Hells Angels & Mongols are longtime rivals with feuds dating back more than 30 years. "LEOs throughout the region are aware of the situation & are working together to help provide a safe & enjoyable event," Reno police spokesman Steve Frady said. Kuzanek said coverage of the Bay Area incidents have sparked most of the calls to local LEOs with people asking if it will be safe to attend. Kuzanek said officials from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Reno Police Dept, Sparks Police Dept, Nevada High Patrol, Storey County Sheriff's Office & Douglas County Sheriff's Office all work in cooperation & an action plan is in place to respond to any sort of emergency. Storey County Sheriff Jim Miller said he has heard rumors about potential violence & his Dept is taking them seriously. "We hear all the same rumors," he said. "We have to be prudent, & we have to be diligent, & we have to prepare for that potential. We are going to be highly visible. We want people to come up & have fun & enjoy Virginia City, & we're going to be staffed for safety for the people of this community & the people who come up to visit." Kuzanek said with Street Vibrations, the opening of the Scheels sporting goods store in Sparks & a marathon at Lake Tahoe this weekend, the region's roads will be crowded. "What we have done is plan for, in the event something of any size occurs such as a traffic accident which results in a major congestion problem, (is) that the patrol commander would have the ability to reach out to Washoe County or Reno PD or other agencies & ask for assistance," Kuzanek said. "The key is to minimize the impact on the public."

**The One-Percent (written about Tusk)** – Sept 25, 2008 – *Minnesota* - Dear ND Big Paul, My heart rode with the pack today. At the very same hour your Brothers rode in unison to honor their fallen Brother, I was winding my way toward the farm supply store. With a precocious preschooler in tow, strapped into her booster seat in the back, I drove through the glorious sunshine & riot of color that came with this first day of autumn in lakes country. My little girl chattered happily about how she wants to be a “cowgirl” & how she looked forward to riding the horses later in the day; we were on our way to buy her a hot pink riding helmet & a new set of reins. Earlier, we attended church & then returned home to make a nice Sunday brunch. Later, we would tackle a few minor projects around our little farm, & then as a fat chicken roasted in the oven for our Sunday supper, our family would take turns riding one of the beautiful horses we are so lucky to own. A perfect, all-American, prosperous & comfortable way to spend a Sunday. I could not help but to think of how fortunate, how blessed my life really is. ***And yet... my heart rode with the pack today.*** There were many motorcycles on that same road this afternoon... lots of fancy new bikes bearing doctors & lawyers & college students, all sporting shiny new leathers & mass-market “biker” gear. It truly was a beautiful day for a ride, & they were certainly taking advantage of it. My instinct, however, was to feel rather sorry for those motorcyclists who shared my road today, & this is why... Most if them will never know the Brotherhood. They might get a rush of testosterone to fire up that Harley & cruise down the road on a beautiful day like this, & they might get a dose of “cool” to play biker for a few weekends a year, & they might even pick up a chick or two as a result. If they are satisfied with that, good for them. It certainly makes for an easier life to be content with being a weekend warrior... But they will never know what it is to experience true Brotherhood. To know that always, no matter how tragic the loss or how joyous the celebration, your Brothers share it with you. To know that any one of them would give his life, if necessary, to save yours. To know that if you were penniless, ill, injured, or your well-being otherwise compromised in any way, those Brothers would rally around you in Love, Loyalty, Respect & Brotherhood. All it ever takes is a phone call to start a chain reaction of support heard literally around the world. I know of no other group of people anywhere, who would ride motorcycles over 100 miles in 35-degree pouring rain & driving snow, to attend the funeral of a friend’s mother, & in such numbers as to overflow the church. There are many good people in the world, but few willing to demonstrate the strength & tenacity of their love to such a degree. As a woman I can never totally understand it, nor ever truly be a part of it... & yet I’ve seen enough, experienced enough, that it is in my heart. When you lose a Brother, I mourn with you. When a man sports that hard-earned, shiny new diamond on his chest, I rejoice. Not just for those I know well, but for them all. You & your Brothers ride the razors edge of freedom on a daily basis, because as Dago says, “You’ve got the balls for livin’ free”. You demonstrate the very essence of what this country is all about, & what is good in this world. Yes, at times there are arguments & politics & accidents, & caring so much about so many people often brings with it great heartache. Being so dedicated to this Brotherhood comes at a cost... in time, in money, & in emotion. But today as I drove to the farm supply store, my heart rode with that pack of Brothers as they honored their own. I felt a great need to look you all in the eye & tell you... don’t ever forget how lucky you are, how hard you worked to earn (and to keep) that patch, how precious that Brotherhood. It’s not about being the One-Percent who live outside the parameters of the law. It’s about being the One-Percent who truly & authentically live the lifestyle, dedicate

themselves to their band of Brothers, & demonstrate to the rest of us what it means to step up, to show up, to say what you mean & mean what you say. It is about personal freedom as well as commitment to a greater good. And while I can never know it as you do, will never endure the same sacrifices, mourn the losses to the same depth or rejoice the victories to the same height, I know & feel enough to thank you for setting that example. It gives the rest of us a standard to which we might aspire. Love & Respect... always. Mouse

**Biker gang masquerades as Christian ministry** – Sept 25, 2008 - *Anaheim, California* - By Gillian Flaccus - In more than 25 years at the helm of his biker-inspired Christian ministry, Phillip Aguilar has counseled Hells Angels, married Mongols & provided a place to crash for just about every hog-riding gangster & drug addict he’s ever met. But police say after years of bringing God to outlaws, Aguilar’s chopper-riding Christians may have morphed into just the kind of gang they claim to save people from. Aguilar & four other members of the Set Free Soldiers were to be arraigned Thursday on multiple weapons & gang felonies after a bar brawl that ended with two Hells Angels stabbed. One member of Aguilar’s group is charged with attempted murder. The case threatens to unravel Aguilar’s counterculture Christian empire, a domain already well-known among bikers that’s recently gained some traction in the mainstream. His church, which runs several Southern California rehab homes, recently inspired an A&E reality show pilot, has close ties to a Christian rap group & has an urban-influenced clothing line called Soldier Made. Some of those in the close-knit & largely under-the-radar Christian biker community, however, now wonder if Aguilar is converting sinners — or if they’re converting him. “I’m in seedy places, I’m in bad places, I meet with bad people & some of the outlaws, you bet. The key question is, are you participating or are you their minister?” said Tom Longbrake, a twice-ordained minister with Bikers for Christ who’s often crossed paths with Set Free Soldiers at biker charities. Aguilar, 60, who declined repeated interview requests, is free on bail & plans to plead not guilty to the charges, said one of his sons, Hebrew “Roc” Aguilar, an associate pastor. His attorney said Aguilar & the others are not gang members & were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. The Set Free Soldiers were attacked by the Hells Angels while they ate hamburgers & shot pool at Blackie’s by the Sea after watching a member’s son in a surfing contest, said attorney Lloyd Freberg. “The police agencies are in a real feeding frenzy on this,” Freberg said. “It’s people’s imaginations run amok.” But search warrant affidavits & police reports — portions of which are sealed — indicate the fight may have begun because the Hells Angels felt the Set Free Soldiers were on their turf. A Set Free pastor caught fleeing the fight with a bloody knife told police the brawl began when a Hells Angels leader confronted Aguilar & told him his group was not authorized to take the Hells Angels’ business. The pastor, who was also to be arraigned Thursday in Orange County Superior Court, told police he was terrified of retaliation now that Set Free members had drawn Hells Angels blood. A pre-dawn raid at the Set Free compound of four suburban homes just miles from Disneyland yielded gang paraphernalia, thousands of rounds of ammunition & dozens of guns & knives, said Sgt. Evan Sailor of the Newport Beach police. The knives included a tiny dagger designed to be hidden in a motorcycle gas tank. Sailor said detectives also were alarmed by YouTube & MySpace videos that show members posing with guns & knives & riding their bikes with their faces covered with black handkerchiefs and, in one case, a skull mask. One video identifies them as a “group of men who love Jesus & love to ride hard.” Another ends with a young

man holding what appears to be a machine gun as heavy metal music blares. "To me, it's indicative of more than just a Christian group. It's indicative of an outlaw motorcycle gang," Sailor said. "It's not like they're showing Bible study classes." Yet Aguilar's son said the Set Free Soldiers are hardworking Christians who act & dress the way they do so their gospel resonates with hard-to-reach sinners: the drug addicts, the outlaw bikers & the prostitutes. The elder Aguilar's own checkered past, including a stint in state prison for child abuse & a former heroin addiction, gives him even more credibility with his ragtag flock. Many call him "Pastor Phil" or "The Chief" & don't seem to mind the sometimes iron-fisted control he exerts over those in his rehab homes. Kevin Knuth, 29, showed up on Aguilar's doorstep in 2004 just out of jail, homeless & addicted to drugs. He's been there ever since, living in the rehab center or sleeping on Aguilar's couch & helping with errands, household chores & the clothing line for free. "The only place I find any sort of sanity, the only place where I feel like I have any kind of family, is here with Pastor Phil," said Knuth, who now wears a silver cross necklace & is drug-free & off probation.

**International Association of Undercover Officers** – Sept 2008 – **Florida** – Presents Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigations; From the Inside - Combating Biker Gangs - A 5 day (36 hour) training program for law enforcement officers, prosecutors, corrections personnel & criminal analysts addressing the problems & pitfalls of investigations of Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs. The instructors, have managed, supervised or directly participated in investigations of Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs throughout the United States. The investigative techniques they used will be presented. Also, the many pitfalls & mistakes they made will be graphically demonstrated. Due to the sensitive nature of the training program & threats of physical harm to some of the speakers, the exact location of the training program will only be revealed to those who register. Special security will be maintained & only certified law enforcement officers with proper identification will be admitted. This is an annual training course & other than the Biker 101 course presented, all other material will be different than the previous Conferences. March 2 - 6, 2009 - Orlando, Florida – **Instructors** - **Steve Cook** – Detective with the Independence, Missouri Police Dept. He has been a police officer for 9 years, with over 6 & a ½ years experience at the drug task force & has completed assignments with the DEA Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement Team & the FBI Violent Crime Gang Task Force. Steve has actively worked motorcycle clubs for the last 9 years & over that time has obtained over 600 hours training in the area of Motorcycle Gang Investigations in the USA & Canada. Steve has provided training to numerous agencies on run enforcement & has been on law enforcement details for four Hells Angels USA Runs. Steve has successfully prosecuted members of the Hells Angels, Sons of Silence, El Forastero, & Galloping Goose motorcycle gangs for methamphetamine & firearms charges & has dealt with motorcycle gangs & their coalitions at both the patrol level & investigative level. **Pat Fielding** - Pat is a Detective with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept & has over 15 years of law enforcement experience. He has been assigned to several narcotics units, gangs & criminal intelligence units & is currently assigned to the FBI Drug Investigation Combined Enforcement Task Force in Las Vegas. Pat has worked undercover for 13 years investigating money-laundering, arms & explosives dealers, auto-theft rings & storefront operations. Pat infiltrated the Red Demons MC (A Hell's Angels Farm Club) & rose to the rank of Treasurer during a 6 month undercover investigation. **Ed Jauch** - Ed is a 17 year veteran with the Spring Valley, IL Police Dept. Ed has worked with the Will County FBI Violent Crimes Task

Force in an infiltration case against the Joliet, IL Chapter of the Outlaws MC as well as making infiltration into the several other outlaw motorcycle gangs. Ed has testified against key members of the Hells Angels in Illinois which lead to successful prosecution. He also has done undercover work leading to the dismantling of an entire chapter of an Outlaws support club. He has taught numerous classes to law enforcement on the subject of outlaw motorcycle gangs & continues to act as an advisor to the FBI. Ed is currently assigned to a Drug Task Force. **Other LEOs** will make presentations, however, for security reasons they will not be identified until their presentation.

**All New Program:** 1. Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Identification - Outlaw Motorcycle Expansion & Trends 2. Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Support Clubs 3. African American Motorcycle Gangs 4. Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Violence 5. Major Runs & Events of 2007. 6. Dealing with the "Generation X" Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Member 7. Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Funerals 8. Special Presentations on Recently Completed OMG Investigations 9. Other Topics to Be Announced.

**Registration fee** for the 5 day training program is \$475.00 per person, if pre-paid or paid at registration. If your Dept has to be invoiced after the start of the course, the tuition cost is \$525.00.

**Training Site:** The training will be held in the Orlando, FL area. Due to security concerns, you will not be notified of the training site until you register & receive your letter of confirmation. Classes will held daily from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, & on Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

**Hotel Accommodations:** The Training Site Hotel has arranged for a special rate of \$89, single or double, for this training event. You will be notified of this location in your confirmation letter. To insure this rate & availability, you must make your reservations prior to Feb 2, 2009.

**Got to love Lawyers!** A rich lawyer was going down the street in his limo when he saw a hobo kneeling in a park, eating the grass. The lawyer asked his chauffeur to stop & rolled down the window to talk to the poor fellow. The lawyer asked, "How come you are eating this grass?" The hobo replied, "I have no money & no house, so my family & I live in this park, eat the grass, & drink out of the drinking fountain." The lawyer said, "Well, I'm rich. Go get your family & friends, & you can all come to my house & I'll feed you." Eventually the hobo, his family, his friends, & his friends' families all piled into the limo. As they were driving down the road, the lawyer broke the silence. "You know, you guys are really going to like it at my house. The grass is at least a foot long in the back."

**Mr. Perkins, the biology instructor** at a posh suburban girl's junior college, said during class, "Miss Smythe, would you please name the organ of the human body, which under the appropriate conditions, expands to 6 times its normal size, & define the conditions." Miss Smythe gasped, then said freezingly, "Mr. Perkins, I don't think that is a proper question to ask me. I assure you my parents will hear of this!" With that she sat down red-faced. Unperturbed, Mr. Perkins called on Miss Johnson & asked the same question. Miss Johnson, with composure, replied, "The pupil of the eye, in dim light." "Correct," said Mr. Perkins. Miss Smythe, I have 3 things to say to you. "One, you have not studied your lesson. "Two, you have a dirty mind. "And three, you will someday be faced with a dreadful disappointment."

**There was a very gracious lady** who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

**Motorcycle Crashes Spike** – Sept 26, 2008 – *Minnesota / Iowa*  
– By ABC 6 News - In the last month there's been a recent string of motorcycle accidents across southern Minnesota & northern Iowa. For one survivor, it was a choice between running into the side of a truck or laying his bike into the pavement. Steve Johnson gambled with the latter. "Your life flashes right before your eyes," he says. Three years ago, Johnson was riding his motorcycle home when a truck ran a stop sign. "I laid her down in the oncoming traffic lane. Fortunately no one was coming but I slid on my body for about 100 or 155 feet." Since then, Johnson has continued to ride motorcycles but always remembers. Officer Steven Beery has seen his share of motorcycle crashes. He says people need to know just how vulnerable biker's are," he says. According to the Minnesota Dept of Public Safety's latest crash facts report, the number of motorcycle accidents in Minnesota is the highest its been in seventeen years. In the past 12 months, there have been 1,623 accidents. And of those accidents, 1,498 people were injured. One out of every five of those injuries was severe. Beery says those stats show that drivers need to be more careful. "Give a little extra awareness as there are more motorcycles now," he says. While Johnson continues to ride, he knows he's fortunate. He hopes others will learn from his experience & believes being more aware will cut down on the number of people injured doing something they love. Last night, the Minnesota State Patrol says a 25-year-old Mankato woman died after falling off of a motorcycle & being hit by a car. There are some local motorcycle safety classes being offered at the Rochester Community Technical College as well as Riverland Community Colleges in Austin & Albert Lea.

**Lawmakers oppose easement at Bear Butte** – Sept 26, 2008 – *South Dakota* – By Chet Brokaw; AP - Some South Dakota lawmakers made it clear Tuesday that they oppose any state involvement in a proposed easement that would protect the west side of Bear Butte from development. The Legislature earlier this year rejected Gov. Mike Rounds' plan to prevent developers from putting biker bars & other noisy businesses on ranch land near Bear Butte. Supporters said the measure would protect Bear Butte, a mountain on the north side of the Black Hills that is a national historic site & a sacred religious site to many American Indian tribes. The defeated bill would have provided \$250,000 from the state to be combined with money from other sources to buy an easement from a private landowner near Bear Butte. Opponents said the bill would have harmed private property rights & economic development in the area where the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is held each year.

**Angels fight to get their clubhouse back** - Sept 26, 2008 – *Vancouver, Canada* - By Kim Bolan, Vancouver Sun - If the Hells Angels regain possession of their Nanaimo clubhouse, it should be under strict conditions, a lawyer for the Civil Forfeiture office said Thursday. Graham Underwood suggested several restrictions on the use of the property, seized last December, if the biker gang succeeds in a bid to take the property back at least temporarily. B.C. Supreme Court Justice Barry Davies will continue to hear arguments today on the application by the Nanaimo chapter. Underwood told Davies the clubhouse & other items seized should not be given back, pending a full-blown trial into the forfeiture. But the Hells Angels are fighting to take back their clubhouse until they have their day in court on the legality of the Gov't seizure. This court battle is the first challenge by one of the Gov't's targets in the forfeiture program that targets goods believed to have been purchased with the proceeds of crime. Underwood said there is a concern the Hells Angels would resume "operation of an illegal booze can" if they get the property

back. He noted a large quantity of liquor was seized & that there was a bar in the clubhouse. Meanwhile, in another courtroom, the Crown continued to lay out its case against four members of the East End Hells Angels charged with a series of weapons & extortion counts. The Crown alleges some of the crimes were carried out for the Hells Angels as a criminal organization. RCMP Const. Mike Row pulled a Smith & Wesson handgun out of a plastic evidence bag & testified he seized the gun from beneath a bed in the New Westminster home of one of the accused, John Punko. He said that along with the gun he seized "a magazine as well as six unfired rounds & two fired rounds."

**Quote:** Hillary Clinton canceled an appearance at [a] rally [this] week in New York after learning that Sarah Palin would be there. And ironically, Bill Clinton had previously canceled after finding out Hillary would be there. ... The stock market was up 400 points [the other day], or as the Democrats call it, terrible news. ... Financial experts are saying we are entering a new chapter in the American economy. I believe its Chapter 11. ... To give you an idea how bad the American economy is, Mexico is now calling for a fence along the border. ... I went to my ATM machine today; it gave me an IOU. ... President Bush had a press conference outside the Oval Office to talk about the economy. He would have had it inside, but the bank has foreclosed on it. ... Barack Obama continues to criticize John McCain's economic plan. McCain would like to criticize Obama's plan, but nobody knows what it is yet. ... Barack Obama said again that he wants to raise taxes on the rich—that's provided by November anyone is still rich. ... That seems to be the theme: Joe Biden said that paying higher taxes is patriotic. The Republican strategy on Joe Biden? Let him keep talking. - - Jay Leno...

**Hells Angels plead to drug trafficking** – Sept 26, 2008 - *Canada*  
- 2 members of the Hells Angels pleaded guilty to an assortment of drug trafficking charges today but vigorously denied they're part of a criminal organization. Brian Jeffrey, 50, Pres of the Simcoe County Hells Angels chapter & Gerald (Skinny) Ward, 60, a founding member of the Niagara Hells Angels, each pleaded guilty in a University Ave courthouse to an assortment of drug trafficking charges. However, each of the burly, bearded bikers vigorously denied that the drug sales were for the benefit of a criminal organization. Ontario Superior Court Justice McMahon heard arguments from defense lawyers & prosecutors on whether the drug deals were for the benefit of the international biker club. He reserved his decision. Marco Freitas, 29, also pleaded guilty to selling drugs to Stephen Gault, a former member of the Oshawa Hells Angels who became a police agent. Freitas admitted selling 8,000 pills of ecstasy worth \$55,000 to Gault. Freitas was not a member of the Hells Angels. The men were charged two years ago in a massive police operation involving 500 officers from 11 forces, which police call Project Tandem. Ward is charged with the commission of an offence for a criminal organization, instruction of an offence for a criminal organization, 2 counts of conspiracy to commit an indictable offence, 4 counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, 4 counts of possession of proceeds of crime & possession of a restricted firearm.

**A father** was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled & replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly? It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'

**Pastor pleads not guilty** – Sept 26, 2008 - *California* - The pastor of the Anaheim-based motorcycle club the Set Free Soldiers pleaded not guilty Thu in Orange County Superior Court to weapon & gang charges stemming from a bar brawl with Hells Angels in Newport Beach in July. Phillip Aguilar, 61, of Anaheim is charged with felony counts of street terrorism, being a felon in possession of a firearm, & possession of a deadly weapon. The pastor's son, Matthew Aguilar, 29, & Set Free member Michael Alan Timanus also pleaded not guilty Thursday to felony weapon & gang charges. Prosecutors say Phillip Aguilar is the leader of a criminal motorcycle gang disguised as a Christian ministry for recovering addicts & ex-convicts. The court denied the District Attorney's office request Thursday that Phillip Aguilar not be allowed to associate with members of the Set Free group outside of his own family. "We are not your normal motorcycle club," the club states on its website. "Some say we are too good for the bad guys, & too bad for the good guys. We don't argue that." Court documents state that a high-ranking member of the Orange County chapter of the Hells Angels confronted Phillip Aguilar at the Newport Beach bar Blackie's By The Sea on July 27 about Aguilar & other Set Free members claiming association with the Hells Angels. The confrontation escalated into a brawl in which 2 Hells Angels members were stabbed. Attempted murder charges against 7 men involved in the fight were later dropped. Law enforcement officers seized large caches of weapons & ammunition from four homes where Set Free members lived in Anaheim during a raid in Aug. The 3 men are scheduled to return to court for a pretrial hearing Dec. 4.

**Mongols' Oregon founder accused** – Sept 27, 2008 - *USA* - The founder of the Mongols Motorcycle Club's Oregon chapters, who was ordered not to associate with the organization after a June conviction for menacing a pair of outlaw biker investigators, has absconded to California, police said today. Justin "Mooch" DeLoretto, 27, flew from Portland to California three weeks ago, according to Detective Dave Burroughs, a Eugene Police Dept gang expert.

June 24, 2008 Mongols leader freed from lockup...

June 23, 2008 Judge bars Mongols chief from club...

June 20, 2008 Motorcycle gang leader convicted in I-5 saga..

April 24, 2008 3 bikers accused of going after officers in traffic.

April 18, 2008 Police hear rumble as bikers roar in. "Obviously," Burroughs said, "a warrant will be issued for his arrest."

On April 23, DeLoretto turned the tables on the detective & Special Agent Jimmy Packard of the ATF, when the 2 lawmen attempted to determine where he lived. DeLoretto climbed into a pickup & chased the two lawmen from the Salem area to Eugene, summoning other Mongols to join him. Police later arrested DeLoretto & two cohorts, accusing them of trying to run the biker investigators off the road. Accused of a litany of felony & misdemeanor crimes, DeLoretto took his case to trial, saying he had no idea he'd been chasing lawmen. He was acquitted of all but misdemeanor charges of menacing. On June 23, Lane County Circuit Judge Debra Vogt sentenced DeLoretto to one year in jail & five years probation. Vogt ordered DeLoretto not to associate with other members of the California-based Mongols or wear the club's insignia. This meant DeLoretto couldn't associate with members of the Oregon chapters he had founded in late 2007 -- including his twin brother Jeremy. DeLoretto, who had served 62 days in jail, was released due to jail overcrowding & began his probation. Police describe the Mongols as one of the nation's deadliest motorcycle gangs. The California-based club has waged a decades-long war with the rival Hells Angels, a turf feud inaugurated over the wearing of a patch that reads, "California." "The information that we have is that (DeLoretto)

has moved to California to become a Mongol in that state in hopes that we will not extradite him," Burroughs said. The detective said a photo of DeLoretto wearing one of the Mongols' "California" bottom rocker patches surfaced on the Internet. Burroughs said he expects authorities to file an arrest warrant for DeLoretto in Lane County, but it was unclear whether Oregon would attempt to extradite him. Oregon authorities rarely go to the trouble of fetching criminals who leave the state while serving probation for misdemeanor crimes.

**Bikers admit selling drugs** – Sept 27, 2008 - *Canada* - A Hells Angel biker who became a police agent wore a hidden microphone during an 18-month undercover operation as he bought \$3 million in drugs from fellow club members, court heard. Steven Gault was a full member of the Oshawa chapter when he agreed to work as a paid police agent between the spring of 2005 & fall of 2006. Among those selling drugs to Gault were Brian (Block) Jeffrey, 50, president of the Simcoe County Hells Angels chapter, Gerald (Skinny) Ward, 60, a founding member of the Niagara Hells Angels, & Terry Pink, 41, president of the Simcoe County chapter. Jeffrey, Ward & Pink each pleaded guilty yesterday in the University Ave. courthouse to an assortment of drug trafficking charges, but vigorously denied charges that they committed the crimes for the benefit of the Hells Angels. Ontario Superior Court Justice John McMahon heard arguments from defence lawyers & prosecutors on whether the drug deals were for the benefit of the biker club. Pink's lawyer, Joseph Bloomenfeld, said there is no evidence the drug deals were connected to his client's Hells Angels membership any more than it might be for the Kinsmen. If Kinsmen members get together for a business deal that has nothing to do with their membership, "is it in association with that organization?" he asked the judge. The judge reserved his decision.

**Added Security Puts Eye In The Sky At BBB** – Sept 27, 2008 – *Arkansas* - The ninth annual Bikes, Blues & BBQ motorcycle rally is under way, & organizers are expecting around 400,000 bikers to come rolling in. The Bikes, Blues & BBQ concert conference attracts a large crowd, but this year organizers are making sure it's not a rowdy one. With a rally that big, security is always a main concern. So far, however, it's a pretty calm start to Bikes, Blues & BBQ. No arrests have been made & that's because of a high police presence, both in plain sight & in plain clothes. But this year, they've also added a new security feature from a bird's eye view -- an infrared camera. "It's helping as far as preventing any problems. People know it's up there they know they're on camera," said Mike Neville, security director. Neville operates the portable pod that rises 30 feet above the beer garden, allowing for the extra eye in the sky. "It allows us to zoom in the crowd. We can zoom in on one person if we see someone who would present a problem, or we can just pan the crowd," said Neville. And for the crowd that's being watched overhead, they're welcoming the added security. "I'm great with it. The more the better, I think," said one biker. "They do the job well. They really do," said another. They're keeping a watchful eye to make sure for a safe & successful week ahead. "Gives the crowd a little peace of mind, knowing that we're here. And it gives us the peace of mind knowing if there's a problem, we're going to hone in on it," said Neville. As for the next few days, Neville expects everything to run smoothly. Along with a movable platform & security cameras, there will also be around 50 patrol officers on foot in the beer garden alone.

**Nothing in all the world** is more dangerous than sincere ignorance & conscientious stupidity.

**The Waseca Crew** (Nick, Bear, Tattoo Joe, & Josh) would like to send Condolences to the SOS Faribault Chapter & SOS Nation on the Loss of Sons Of Silence Tusk... L&R...

**Quote by Bandido Loser:** Bandido Dirty Ed gave ok to use it here. Bandido Loser - R.I.P.

Ya know how the Judge after giving you time, always ask ya in ya got anything to say. Well my Brother stands up & asked, "Your Honor what would you do to me if I called you an Asshole?"

The Judge replied, "I'd put more time on you!" Well Loser responded, "What if I think your an Asshole? The Judge said, "Well I can't do anything for what a person thinks!" Then Loser said, "Well your Honor I think your an Asshole!"

**Scene Of Major Drug Bust** – Sept 29, 2008 – *Canada* - Police have busted a drug shack that they allege was being run by the East End Chapter of the Hells Angels, in Quesnel. The Quesnel RCMP, The RCMP Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Task Force & the North District Emergency response team hit a house on the Nazko Highway, in Quesnel, on Sat. Four males were arrested at a home, 160 pounds of marihuana were seized along with four firearms & generating equipment. All of those arrested are from the lower mainland. They have been released from police custody pending charges.

**Risk of bikie clubs** – Sept 29, 2008 - *Australia* - Uniform Nat'l laws outlawing organized crime are needed to deter offenders from moving to states with more lenient legislation, NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione says. Scipione today appeared before a federal parliamentary joint inquiry into legislative arrangements to stamp out groups such as outlaw motorcycle gangs. Chaired by Senator Steve Hutchins, the public hearing in Sydney was told tough new laws in South Australia may cause gang members to move shop to NSW. Scipione said he preferred to wait & see on such an outcome but supported a move to harmonise organized-crime laws across Australia. "I think that's a reasonable objective," Scipione told the inquiry. "It would be difficult to have an argument to suggest that we wouldn't look at trying to harmonise on the basis of getting maximum effectiveness. "And that's what it's all about at the end of the day - is trying to put a regime in place backed by legislation that allows us to best control & minimise the effect of serious & organised crime across the nation." The inquiry was told that 168 people in NSW have been charged with belonging to an organized crime group since the Gangs Bill came into effect in 2006.

**NZ to consider following Australia** – Sept 29, 2008 - *New Zealand* - South Australian Premier Mike Rann was in South Auckland talking tough against gangs this morning & soon the New Zealand Gov't could be following suit. South Australian police have been armed with unprecedented powers to crack down on bikie gangs thanks to "world-first" legislation designed to put them out of business. Rann said "I regard these crime gangs as being terrorists within & so essentially what I did was say to the atty general look at our anti terrorist legislation that gives the police & the courts certain powers." Under the new laws Australian police can declare gangs "outlaw organizations" making it illegal for members to gather together & maintain club headquarters. Police minister Annette King said "we would be silly not to look at what they're doing & to see if it's applicable here in NZ & if it can be added to the legislation that we already have."

**A smart man** learns from his experiences. A wise man learns from the experiences of others.

**Harley parade storms in** – Sept 29, 2008 – *Pennsylvania* - By Greg Gross - Some 800 people rode to kickoff York's 14th annual Bike Night. They stormed into York on all sorts of motorcycles. Hondas, Kawasakis, Victorys, Triumphs and, of course, the quintessential York County motorcycles -- Harley-Davidsons. With engines revving, the riders backed into parking spots on blocked-off city streets & hopped off their machines. Some of the riders wore leather or denim jackets with the names of motorcycle clubs they ride with. From Pagans to Vicious Circle motorcycle clubs, to one called Generic, plenty of clubs were represented Friday for York's 14th annual Bike Night. Then there was a group of women in white vests with "Motor Maids Inc" patched on their backs. The club has members across the U.S. & Canada. "It's a sisterhood of women that have a common interest in motorcycles," Sammie Wisner said. Kelley Gibson, special events coordinator for the City of York, said about 800 motorcycles rode in the parade, down from the usual 1,000 to 2,000. An estimated 8,000 people attended bike night. "It's down, of course, because of the weather, but we're still happy with the turnout," Gibson said.

**Hawaiian motorcycle club makes trek to Reno** – Sept 29, 2008 – *Nevada* - By Guy Clifton - It's one of those questions that inevitably come up when you live in a tropical paradise like Hawaii. Where do you go on vacation? For members of the Kanaka Hekili MC, the answer is Reno. Thirty-four of the club's members made the trip from Honolulu to Reno this week for the annual Street Vibrations, & they'll be riding their own Harley-Davidson motorcycles, which took a different mode of travel. The motorcycles were transported by ship to Seattle & then by train to Portland, Ore., where club members flew to pick them up. They then rode the motorcycles from Portland to Reno & arrived Wednesday evening at Circus Circus in Reno for the first day of Street Vibrations. "It was a nice trip," said club founder & president Bernard Rombawa, who detailed the route along the Oregon & Northern California coasts. "It was a little cold, but not bad." Rombawa said the 5-year-old club tries to make a trip to the mainland every year. It holds fund-raising events, including a golf tournament, Christmas party & a "Huli Huli Chicken Sale" to raise funds to pay for the trip. Shipping the motorcycles to & from Hawaii costs \$15,000. Last year, the group traveled to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota & the year before that, it went to Las Vegas. This year, it is planning to take in the sights around Street Vibrations, including cruises to Lake Tahoe today & to Virginia City in the days ahead. "We've been planning this for a year, so people have been looking forward to it," Rombawa said. "We're going to come here & support the cause (of motorcycle riding)." Club member Joerline Tronolone, a travel consultant making her first trip to Street Vibrations, said the club's activities are family-oriented. She rides on the same motorcycle with her husband, Chris. The club has more than 100 members in the original Oahu chapter, & now has chapters on Maui, & on the mainland in Las Vegas & Santa Clara, Calif. Scott Walker, president of the Maui chapter, said "Kanaka Hekili" stands for "Hawaiian Thunder." He said anytime the riders have an opportunity to hit the road, they are ready to go. "We're a traveling club," he said. "We like to travel."

**You assist an evil system** most effectively by obeying its orders & decrees. An evil system never deserves such allegiance. Allegiance to it means partaking of the evil. A good person will resist an evil system with his or her whole soul."  
-Mahatma Gandhi

**Hells Angel head pleads guilty** – Sept 29, 2008 – *Canada* - As his words were being secretly recorded, the head of Niagara's Hells Angels chapter made fun of "terrified" cops & called himself lucky. "They (police) haven't bothered us down here," Gerald (Skinny) Ward said to a police informant while selling cocaine in his Welland home. "Like we've never been raided & nobody's ever been charged down here. We've been lucky." The intercepts detailed in court documents were part of the case built against Ward, who pleaded guilty Friday to trafficking cocaine & having more than \$300,000 in cash gained from the proceeds of crime. But he denied being in a criminal organization. Superior Court Judge John McMahon will determine whether the Crown has proven the Hells Angels MC is a criminal organization. Ward, 60, has been in custody since his arrest Sept. 28, 2006, when he was swept up in a province-wide joint-forces crackdown on the biker gang. Dubbed Project Tandem, the 18-month investigation by Ontario's biker enforcement unit led to 24 arrests, including 15 Hells Angels. During the operation, 27 drug purchases were made by Steven Gault, a police informant & full patch member of the Oshawa chapter of Hells Angels. Ward, 60, was arraigned Friday after his case was delayed an hour because he forgot to bring his reading glasses to court. His lawyer had to read submissions to him privately before he could make his plea. Prosecutor Tom Andreopoulos submitted a book of facts, to which Ward was asked if he agreed. "Yes, your Honor," he said. His white hair in a pony tail, wearing a black shirt & jeans, Ward pleaded guilty to trafficking cocaine four times between May 2005 & Sept 2006 in Welland, Port Colborne, Pelham & Fenwick. He also pleaded guilty to unlawfully possessing \$304,430 in proceeds of crime, found in his Quaker Road home. Ward pleaded not guilty to directing 5 other local members to traffic cocaine in association with a criminal organization. "Ward disputes the Hells Angels MC is a criminal organization," his lawyer Jeffrey Milligan told the court, adding the credibility of informant Gault is open to question. Other members of the Hells Angels have made the same argument.

**15 arrested during Thunder on the Mountain** – Sept 30, 2008 - Nevada - By F.T. Norton - No rival motorcycle gang violence reported... An increased police presence in Virginia City over the weekend caused some to question the necessity of officers armed with long rifles walking amid the thousands of visitors that filled the city's streets. But Storey County Sheriff's Lt. Ken Quirk said that the presence may have prevented a feud between two outlaw motorcycle gangs from boiling over during the otherwise peaceful Thunder on the Mountain gathering, which coincided with Reno's biker festival, Street Vibrations. "(The police presence) was in response to intelligence information that there were going to be motorcycle club factions at odds or rivaling one another," said Quirk. Since the Pres of the Hells Angels MC was killed in San Francisco earlier Sept. 2, allegedly by a member of the rival motorcycle club the Mongols, & the pipe bomb revenge assault on a Mongol's San Jose home Sept. 18, Northern Nevada law enforcement officers were on edge for the Reno Street Vibrations event. In Carson City, members of the Sheriff's Department's Gang Unit walked through the local bars & other Street Vibration events throughout Friday & Saturday night. In Virginia City, said Quirk, the small Storey County Sheriff's Office patrol unit was bolstered by Washoe County SWAT, Douglas SWAT, Elko County Sheriff's Dept, Winnemucca PD, The Washoe County School District Police & the Nevada HP. Quirk said an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 people were in the historic mining town at any given moment between 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Fifteen of the visitors were arrested for alleged crimes such as drunken driving, indecent exposure, battery on a peace officer,

obstructing a peace officer & possession of marijuana. Quirk said the county's 20-cell jail never reached full capacity because most of the people arrested bailed out almost immediately. "We wanted to ensure the safety of the citizens attending our event; it will never be known what we deterred by having a SWAT team presence," said Quirk. "I would have sure hated to have something erupt & people get hurt & it's deemed later on that the Sheriff's Dept was unprepared."

**Bikers had secret police documents** – Sept 30, 2008 – *Canada* – By Peter Edwards - Top-secret police intelligence documents stamped "Private & Confidential" & "For Police Use Only" were found in the clubhouse of the Niagara Region Hells Angels & in the homes of senior club members, according to court documents. Details of the police raid were filed in Ontario Superior Court on University Avenue before Justice John McMahon in the trial of Kenneth (Wags) Wagner, 43, of the Hells Angels Niagara chapter. Wagner was found guilty today of trafficking cocaine & firearms for the benefit of a criminal organization. Sentencing arguments continue. Wagner had pleaded guilty to trafficking more than 4 kilograms of cocaine to a member of the Oshawa Hells Angels chapter, who was acting as a police agent, & to possession of \$150,675 in proceeds of crime. However, Wagner had pleaded not guilty to instructing others to commit offences, namely trafficking cocaine & transferring a firearm for the benefit of a criminal organization. Court heard that when police raided Wagner's home & the Welland-area clubhouse of the international biker club 2 years ago in a massive police roundup, they discovered three sets of confidential police documents. The leaked police documents were used by federal prosecutor Tom Andreopoulos to argue that the Hells Angels are a sophisticated criminal organization, with active intelligence gathering operations. Andreopoulos also noted a police report that states that Ontario Hells Angels maintain photos & lists of police officers, & also information on police officers' wives. One of the documents discovered in the Niagara police raid was confidential material on the St. Catharines chapter of the Outlaws gang, a rival of the Hells Angels. The document included the Outlaws' photos, names, addresses, licence numbers & dates of birth. Stamped at the bottom of the report was a notation reading: "This information is for NRP (Niagara Regional Police) personnel only & is not to be disseminated." The reports were also found in the home Gerald (Skinny) Ward, 60, who was also a founding member of the Niagara Region chapter of the international biker club. Ward has pleaded guilty to an assortment of drug trafficking charges, but also vigorously denied charges that they committed the crimes for the benefit of the Hells Angels. His case is ongoing. Another confidential police document found in the clubhouse & in the homes of Wagner & Ward was a Niagara Regional Police internal intelligence memo concerning the purchase of a local hotel, which was stamped "Private & confidential" & "For police use only." The third document found in the clubhouse & the homes of Wagner & Ward was a confidential handbook for members of the provincial Biker Enforcement Unit, which was designed to help officers understand biker gangs. Police also found \$150,675.00 in cash & a bulletproof vest in Wagner's home. Also found at his home was an intelligence report prepared by a member of the Biker Enforcement Unit containing information about members of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club in the Niagara Region. According to material filed in court by federal prosecutors, the discovery of the confidential police material demonstrates the ability of the Hells Angels to collect "intelligence information" on rival groups & to compromise the security of a police organization.

**Rock Machine gang surfaces in Manitoba** – Sept 30, 2008 – *Canada* - They are considered one of the world's most violent outlaw motorcycle gangs & previously left their mark on Canada by waging a bloody war with the Hells Angels. Now, 8 years after the Rock Machine vanished from the national radar, they're back. Two members of the Australian chapter were arrested earlier this month at the Winnipeg airport after they got caught spinning a web of lies about what they were doing here, the Free Press has learned. Michael Xanthoudakis & Eneliko Sabine told Canada Customs officials they had arrived for a week-long fishing trip in the Interlake & were planning to meet up with an Internet buddy, whom they only knew as "J.D." In fact, Xanthoudakis & Sabine had far more sinister plans. The residents of Sydney had flown halfway around the world at the invitation of several bikers in western Canada who are in the process of setting up a new Canadian Rock Machine chapter. They were all planning to meet last week in Gimli to begin mapping out the process, but plans were scuttled when suspicious customs agents began asking questions & eventually searching luggage. Inside they found several biker vests, flags & other paraphernalia. Xanthoudakis & Sabine were detained in custody on Sept. 19 after it was also learned both men had criminal records in Australia. Xanthoudakis was convicted in Dec 1999 of assaulting a police officer, while Sabine has a 2006 conviction for impaired driving. They are not facing any new charges in Canada. The facts surrounding their arrest & detention were laid out for the first time Monday during an immigration hearing at the downtown Law Courts, which the Free Press sat in on. There was no publication ban. A Gov't lawyer said Canadian police had recently circulated a national bulletin warning of the impending resurrection of the Rock Machine & the rumoured meeting in Gimli. Police were told to be on guard for any foreign bikers who may be travelling to Canada. Daphne Shaw-Dyck, a member of the Immigration & Refugee Board, ordered both men to be deported as quickly as possible after finding they have no legal grounds to be in Canada. She also rejected their bid to be released into the community pending the deportation, which is expected to happen later this week. Ed Rice, a defence lawyer acting on behalf of Xanthoudakis & Sabine, said the men were hoping to be "out on the streets" for the duration of their stay in Canada. He expects them to be deported later this week, once security issues can be worked out with the airlines regarding their flight back to Sydney. Shaw-Dyck agreed with the Fed Govt's claim the men -- & the gang they represent -- post a significant risk to public safety. The federal government cited the Rock Machine's dark history in Canada, which included links to 150 murders in Quebec during the violent turf war in the 1990s. Among those victims were two prison guards & an 11-year-old boy hit by shrapnel following a car bomb. The Rock Machine was absorbed into the Bandidos in 2000. Several members actually joined the Hells Angels when the Bandidos refused to immediately grant full-patch status to them. The immigration hearing was told Monday the new western Canadian Rock Machine will be headed up by Winnipeg biker Ron Burling, who was recently sentenced to eight years in prison for a drug-related kidnapping in which the victim was tortured. Burling, the former leader of the now-defunct Manitoba Bandidos, lost an appeal earlier this summer & ended up leaving court on a stretcher after he launched into a bizarre outburst & then began clutching his chest. Rice said the "new" Rock Machine will be nothing like the one Canadians grew to fear & will simply be a club of motorcycle riding enthusiasts who will frown upon criminal behavior. Both the government & Shaw-Dyck expressed doubts about that claim, noting Burling's violent past.

**A Bad Day Living; Beats A Good Day Dead**

**'666' road sign thefts** - Sept 30, 2008 - *New Jersey* - Is the Garden State Parkway the highway to hell? Or is the New Jersey Turnpike the road to damnation? Someone keeps stealing the metal signs at mile marker 66.6 along the heavily traveled toll roads, & the New Jersey Turnpike Authority is having a devil of a time keeping up with the thefts. It's been happening all over the country, particularly on roads with names like Route 666. Officials aren't sure if the thefts are being committed by religious zealots upset about the number's association in the Bible with the devil, by Satanic scavenger hunters, or by college students who think a '666' sign would look cool in their dorm room. Joe Orlando, a spokesman for the Authority, said officials have no idea who is taking the signs. "Maybe it's just some kids with a Devil-may-care attitude," Orlando said. The latest theft involved someone swiping the 66.6 mile marker sign on the Parkway's northbound lanes. It's in a sparsely populated section of the Pinelands far from any entrances or exits. In short, you'd have to know the sign was there & go looking for it. But look for it — & take it — they do. Within the past two years, 66.6 mile marker signs have been stolen at least four or five times from the Turnpike & Parkway, he said. "Given the symbolism of the number & the fact that it is obviously done in the middle of night, & in the middle of nowhere, I can safely say that I'm not eager to meet the rocket scientists doing it," Orlando added. In the Biblical Book of Revelations, verse 13:18 reads, "This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666." The Parkway sign, when it's not stolen, is located in Barnegat; the Turnpike sign in East Windsor. It costs as much as \$50 to replace the signs, which doesn't sound like much, until you keep repeating it over, & over again. A few years ago, highway officials in Morris County couldn't keep signs for Route 666 on the poles; as quickly as crews put them up, someone would take them down & steal them, often within a day or two. Solution: They changed the name of the road to Route 665. A similar tactic might be in store for the Parkway & Turnpike mile markers, with replacement signs reading 66.61, which kind of wrecks the Satanic buzz. In 2003, Utah, New Mexico & Colorado renamed the 194-mile-long Route 666 as Route 491 after a rash of sign thefts. Some wound up on eBay. Pennsylvania has a Route 666, but a state transportation spokesman said few signs, if any, have been stolen. In the meantime, New Jersey transportation officials keep replacing the mile marker signs. The Parkway thefts are happening in the same general area in which a mysterious decorator made nationwide headlines last winter by covertly festooning a huge pine tree along the side of the road with Christmas decorations. "You almost want to put a camera out there, just to see who has this much free time," Orlando said.

**U.S. DOT Proposing New Rules** To Improve Motorcycle Helmet Safety – Sept 30, 2008 – *USA* - New rules proposed today will improve motorcycle safety by making it easier for riders to identify & use effective helmets, instead of unsafe "novelty helmets, announced U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters. The proposal will also make it harder for riders to use novelty helmets in states that require DOT-certified helmets, she said. "Novelty helmets do little to protect riders during an accident," Secretary Peters said. "This proposal will make it easier for riders to know in advance whether the helmet they buy will keep them safe." The proposal would amend the agency's current motorcycle helmet safety rules to require manufacturers to place a larger, tamper-proof DOT label on the back of certified helmets. The new labels will make it harder for vendors to remove the labels on safe helmets & affix them to the unsafe novelty helmets.

## **2nd Amendment:**

- *The* purpose of fighting is to win. There is no possible victory in defense. (Waiting for attack)

- *The* sword is more important than the shield, & skill is more important than either. The final weapon is the brain. All else is supplemental.

1. Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.

2. If you find yourself in a fair fight, your tactics suck.

3. I carry a gun 'cause a cop is too heavy.

4. When seconds count, the cops are just minutes away.

5. A reporter did a human-interest piece on the Texas Rangers. The reporter recognized the Colt Model 1911 the Ranger was carrying & asked him 'Why do you carry a 45?' The Ranger responded, 'Because they don't make a 46.'

6. The old sheriff was attending an awards dinner when a lady commented on his wearing his sidearm. 'Sheriff, I see you have your pistol. Are you expecting trouble?' 'No Ma'am. If I were expecting trouble, I would have brought my rifle.'

7. Beware the man who only has one gun. He probably knows how to use it!

- *I was* once asked by a lady visiting if I had a gun in the house. I said I did. She said 'Well I certainly hope it isn't loaded!' To which I said, of course it is loaded, it can't work without bullets!' She then asked, 'Are you that afraid of someone evil coming into your house?' My reply was, 'No not at all. I am not afraid of the house catching fire either, but I have fire extinguishers around. They are all loaded too.' To which I'll add, having a gun in the house that isn't loaded is like having a car in the garage without gas in the tank.

**Town moves to ban gang insignia** – Sept 30, 2008 - A *New Zealand* town is a step closer to banning people wearing gang-related clothing or tattoos after a recommendation by a parliamentary committee. Wanganui, a North Island town which was the scene of a brutal shooting last year when a toddler was gunned down in an alleged gang dispute, has sought to ban gang insignia from its streets. There are thought to be at least 3500 so-called "patched" gang members in New Zealand who can often be seen wearing tattoos or clothing adorned with gang emblems. Although the local council could create a local by-law, it needed the backing of Parliament because of concerns the new law could breach New Zealand's Bill of Rights. After passing its first reading in New Zealand's Parliament earlier this year by a vote of 106-13, the proposed law was yesterday given the green light by the Law & Order Committee. The new Bill would ban the display of gang regalia, including patches, gang colours, & even some tattoos, in public in Wanganui. Those caught wearing gang-related outfits could have the offending items confiscated, & be given a \$NZ2000 (\$1700) fine. Before the Bill becomes law it will need to again be agreed to by Parliament. Because an election is due on November 8 the fate of the bill will rest with the incoming Parliament. Yesterday, New Zealand Corrections Minister Phil Goff said he hoped his country could learn from South Australia, & introduce laws that will smash gangs & eventually eliminate the trade in drugs.

**A husband emerged** from the bathroom naked & was climbing into bed when his wife complained, as usual, 'I have a headache.' 'Perfect,' her husband said. 'I was just in the bathroom powdering little Elvis with aspirin. You can take it orally, or as a suppository, it's up to you.'

## **Best motorcycle bars in the Denver** – Sept 30, 2008 – *Colorado*

- By Ken Bingenheimer - It was suggested that I should write about the best biker bars in Denver, but heck, what good is a biker bar if you don't get to take a ride to get there? So this item covers the best motorcycle bars in the Denver area. Four are outside of town & heck, the 5<sup>th</sup> is actually in Denver. I'll let you guess which one that is. A nice thing about these 1<sup>st</sup> three is that you can take a very nice day ride & hit all 3, or at least pass them all & stop at whatever point you're ready for a break & a bite to eat. Head south out of town on US 85 & a few miles this side of Castle Rock you hit Sedalia. Right there at the intersection of 85 & CO 67 is the Sedalia Grill. You can't miss it because there are bikes everywhere. Park, stroll along looking at what everyone else rode in on, & go on in for some good eating & some liquid refreshment. You'll feel right at home in your leathers. From Sedalia, go west a short distance on CO 67 & then turn south on CO 105. This is a really nice ride, too, so take it easy & enjoy. When you reach Palmer Lake you will find O'Malley Pub on your right. A nice patio lends itself to some terrific winter-day sunning & inside you can buy a steak or chops or whatever you want & cook them yourselves on the indoor grill. Of course you can watch the Broncos play, too, if it's Sun afternoon. Next, continue on CO 105 south to Monument, cross I-25, & stay on 105 until you reach CO 83. Turn north. You'll pass Castlewood Canyon State Park, a good stop on its own, & soon after reach Franktown. There, on the west side of the road, is the Stagecoach. Once again, on a nice sunny day any time of the year, you'll find bikes galore & plenty of leather inside. Make yourself at home. Greet old friends & make new ones. Afterward you can just follow 83 on into Denver & home. On the north side of town one of the really good places to go is Dacono. Take I-25 north & go east at CO 52, or take US 85 north through Brighton & Fort Lupton & go west on CO 52. The spot you're looking for is Jerry D's, on the south side of the road. And once again, it's not hard to find. Just look for the bikes. Out back you can catch some sun in the winter & even play shuffle board, full-size. They serve good burgers. Finally, there is one bar in Denver proper that is a must: the Piper Inn. Located on Parker Road just north of Iliff, this place is justly famous for its hot chicken wings. If you don't have time to go for the ride you'd like to do, head on over & share some camaraderie with the rest of the gang. So what are you waiting for? Let's ride! But hey, drink responsibly, too. I'm not pointing these places out so you can go get drunk there & kill yourself.

**Gov't defends police bikie law inaction** – Sept 30, 2008 - *Australia* - The South Australian Government is defending police after they failed to apply to have any bikie gangs deemed to be illegal. New anti-bikie laws, which police pushed for, have been in place for three weeks. Atty-General Michael Atkinson says police need time to collect evidence. "Saying how long before the police get their act together is just smart alec, the police have their act together," he said. "What they're doing is preparing a case & they should be given time to prepare that case correctly & I will be a hard taskmaster." Shadow Atty-General Isobel Redmond says she thought the wheels would have been in motion already. "I've been surprised that the police weren't ready," she said. "I mean police were the ones who asked us for this legislation, they briefed us extensively on the legislation, so I would've anticipated that, as you suggested, they could have a case ready to refer straight away to the Crown Solicitor's office & be really underway by now."

**Nearly all men** can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power. - Abraham Lincoln

**Lawsuit filed against Myrtle Beach** – Sept 30, 2008 – *South Carolina* - By Thema Ponton - A lawsuit has been filed against the city of Myrtle Beach over 2 of the ordinances passed by Myrtle Beach city council last week designed to curtail the rallies. Monday, atty J. Thomas McGrath filed suit on behalf of his clients, who live in Myrtle Beach. According to the lawsuit, the two would like a judge to declare the ordinances about noise & the one about wearing a helmet & protective eyewear invalid, void, & unenforceable.

**Sheep molester not a sex offender** – Sept 30, 2008 – *Michigan* - Battle Creek man, Jeffrey Haynes, seems like an ordinary guy. Oh, & allegedly he's sodomized a sheep. No biggie. But that doesn't make him a sex offender. Haynes, 45, is serving a 2 1/2 - to 20-year prison sentence after pleading no contest to sodomy in 2006. He was found trespassing on a farm in Bedford Township in Jan 2005. The farmer called police when she realized one of her sheep was injured. A DNA sample taken from the sheep matched Haynes, a career criminal with convictions dating to 1985. Haynes, who was sentenced as a fourth-time habitual offender, is at Parr Highway Correctional Facility in Adrian. He has been convicted of home invasion, forgery & uttering & publishing. However, according to Michigan law, Haynes will not have to register as a sex offender because since the sheep is an animal, it cannot be considered a victim of sexual assault

**MC will ride to raise money** – Sept 30, 2008 - Dozens of women from all over *California* will jump on their motorcycles this Sunday & take a trek through Tulare County for one cause: breast cancer awareness. The Lost Girls MC, a nonprofit organization, has raised more than \$15,000 in the past three years with this ride. In 2007, the ride raised almost twice as much as it did the previous year. All funds are donated to the Kaweah Delta Breast Center. "The funds have allowed the Breast Center to do some things they couldn't have done without the extra money," said Valerie Castles, development manager of the Kaweah Delta Hospital Foundation. One such project the money was used for was pink pillows given to women who underwent mastectomies. The pillows provide padding for the patients so they can be more comfortable. Money raised from this year's ride will likely go to a program that will cover digital mammograms for women over 40 who don't have insurance, Castles said.

**NFRTR is insufficient for criminal proceedings** – Sept 30, 2008 – *USA* - In a major victory for those of us arguing that the **National Firearms Registration & Transfer Record** is insufficient for criminal proceedings, Dr. Fritz Scheuren, "the" statistician in the United States (possibly the world), today informed the United States District Court, Western District of Oklahoma, (The Honorable Tim Leonard) that the NFRTR is insufficient for criminal proceedings. While no decision has been rendered in the case of *US v. Larry Douglas Friesen* (CR-08-41-L), this is a Major defeat for the BATFE, who, over the years, has argued that although the NFRTR is flawed, it still can be used in criminal proceedings. If the US loses this case, there is some speculation on whether the BATFE will seek to appeal the decision because an appellate ruling that the NFRTR is insufficient would have disastrous consequences for the BATFE & the NFRTR. It is this author's opinion that the BATFE would likely not appeal so to protect the integrity of the NFRTR in other court proceedings. Nevertheless, in any future cases, a competent attorney will be adding Dr. Scheuren as an expert to invalidate the NFRTR.

**The true test** of character is not how much we know how to do, but how we behave when we don't know what to do.

**How the Pagans Bested the Mob** – Oct 1, 2008 – *Pennsylvania* - By John Hall - A former member of the Pagans tells how an attack against the South Philly mob helped create a biker legend.

"Those who do not belong to It, and whose native land It is not, cannot endure It. The One who sits there at the Lands End to guard the gates is called Dark Surt. He has a flaming sword, and at the end of the world He will come, He will harry, and He will vanquish all the Gods and burn the whole world with fire."  
- Snorri Sturluson, *The Prose Edda*, 13th-century Pagan Iceland.

*And there He sat.* Horned and cross-legged, and holding His flaming sword like a cross. The grim image of Dark Surt, embroidered under the name on the backs of the sleeveless blue denim vests that we wore over our well-worn black leather motorcycle jackets. Frank Friel, the head of the Philadelphia Police-FBI Organized Crime Task Force, called us the most "violence prone motorcycle gang in America." We called ourselves "the Pagans," the baddest of the ass-kicking, beer-drinking, hell-raising, gang-banging, grease-covered, roadkill-eating, 1960s motorcycle clubs, chromed cavaliers and swastika-studded scooter jockeys. Spawned on the marshy flatlands of Southern Maryland, we were a band of motorized highwaymen who ruled the roads from the Pine Barrens of Long Island and New Jersey to the glistening moonlit peaks of the Allegheny and Blue Ridge Mountains. Across the Dutch farmlands of Pennsylvania and down the Great Valley of Virginia, in the back alleys of the old steel, mining, railroad and paper-mill towns of the Appalachian rustbelt, it was all Pagan country. By the late '70s we had wormed our way from the wide-open roads and cornfields of Dutch country clear down to the narrow streets and crowded stalls of the Italian Market in South Philly, where some of the brothers were getting caught up in the shadowlands of the Philadelphia underworld and popping up on the radar screens of Frank Friel and his FBI task force. The shit finally hit the fan on a March morning in 1980, when someone put a gun to the head of Angelo Bruno, the man they called the Gentle Don because he believed he could run a criminal empire by peace and persuasion rather than violence and coercion. When the gunman squeezed the trigger, Bruno's head burst into a river of blood, and so did the streets of Philadelphia. All peace and persuasion died with Bruno and the city was engulfed in the most violent crime war in American history. When the bodies stopped falling and the river of blood dried to an occasional trickle, Nicodemo "Little Nicky" Scarfo emerged as the new head of Bruno's criminal cartel, which has been called, among other things, the Society of Men of Honor. Physically, Scarfo was little more than a dwarf, but he had the ambition of a giant. He dreamed of becoming the biggest crime czar in America, ruling an empire that stretched from the sunny casino-studded boardwalk of Atlantic City to the dingy smoke-filled backroom betting parlors in the bars and clubs of Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. Gambling, drugs, entertainment, extortion, labor unions, construction firms, trucking companies, vending machines: from tattoo parlors and pizza joints to pool halls and massage parlors, whatever the enterprise, legal or illegal, he wanted to run them all. In building his empire Little Nicky did not have the patience of the Gentle Don. He believed that there were quicker and more efficient means of putting people in line than peace and persuasion. From his throne room in the back of a rundown warehouse on South Bancroft Street, Little Nicky issued an edict demanding that every drug monger, bookmaker, tattoo artist, titty-bar owner, pizza twirler and chop-shop grease monkey in Philadelphia pay tribute for the privilege of doing business on the streets of his empire. To collect this tax he dispatched a band of thugs, who determined the rate by how scared their victims

looked and how much they thought they could squeeze out of them. Those who didn't pay were beaten senseless with baseball bats, usually on the open street, as a warning to Little Nicky's other subjects who might prove recalcitrant. But when Nicky's tax collectors paid a call on the Pagans, the bearded bikers did not look scared at all. In fact, they laughed right in the faces of Scarfo's clean-shaven wops. Little Nicky considered this an insult, and he ordered his enforcers to teach these rude cycle-bums a lesson they would not soon forget. But Scarfo's stooges wanted no part of the chain-wielding Pagans. They told Scarfo that these guys were even crazier than the Muliganes and that there was no telling how they might retaliate. So nothing was done; the dispute settled into a stalemate, with Little Nicky seething in his warehouse and the Pagans doing pretty much whatever they wanted all over Philadelphia. Relations between the Pagans and the mob festered like a swollen abscess, which finally burst on a spring night in 1984, when Little Nicky's hard-drinking underboss, Salvatore "Chuckie" Merlino, staggered out of a restaurant in South Philadelphia and saw a Pagan sitting on a motorcycle. Fortified with the kind of courage that comes out of a bottle, Scarfo's drunken underboss rammed his car into the bike and sent the Pagan sprawling into the street. While he was lying in a hospital bed, the Pagan was visited by his bike-riding brethren. One of them found an accident report lying on the table next to the bed where the police had left it. When he picked it up, the name Salvatore Merlino jumped up in his face. Underneath Merlino's name was a South Philadelphia address. "Look at this," he said, as he began stabbing the paper with his finger right under the address. He then passed it around the room, and his bearded brethren all began grinning as they read it. The next night a band of Pagans pulled up at the address of the house on the accident report and shot more than 200 rounds of ammunition through the walls, windows and doors, while Merlino's terrified mother crouched on the floor, peeing herself under a shower of lead and glass. As Detective Friel later put it: "The incident went unavenged. This brazen insult to the majesty of the Men of Honor was never punished. The Mafia bullies had been bullied by the bike-riding bullies and backed down." In fact, Scarfo's people ultimately coughed up \$5,000 for bike repairs and hospital bills. Years later I met the Pagan who orchestrated the attack on Merlino's home. It was a fluke encounter. I was working as a bartender. He walked in and ordered a drink. We recognized each other's tattoos, and we both asked the same question: "Who the hell are you?" He was a leader of the Pagans during the Philadelphia mob wars in the early '80s. I went by the name "Stoop" and ran the New York club back in the late '60s. He told me about the war with the Dwarf Don and about the attack on Merlino's home. Actually it wasn't really Merlino's home, the guy told me. It was his mother's. The guy had put her address on his driver's license to confuse the cops, but he had confused the Pagans instead. "'Who's a-dare? Who's a-dare!' we heard her screaming right before we started firing." We both laughed. Then I told him that I had been the leader of the New York Pagans from 1967 to 1969. He was as interested in my story as I was in his. "I always really regretted that I wasn't a member back in those days," he said. "You guys back in the '60s were crazy. I missed all that. But those were the days when you guys did the shit that the Legend was hatched from. In fact, it was the shit you guys did back then that helped guys like me scare the shit out of those greaseballs later on." We talked some more about gang wars and about the '60s. Then the place closed. He left, and I began to clean up. I thought about what he said. "*Crazy?*" Actually I thought it was all pretty routine stuff back then. Sure, we got into some shootings and serious shit. But most of it was just good clean fun, like drinking beer all night and standing up on

the seat of your motorcycle, drunk and without a helmet, at 3 in the morning, while you blew every red light in sight. Dawn coming up over a line of motorcycles on the front lawn of the clubhouse, and a bunch of brothers covered with stale beer, blood, barroom dust and road grease, all curled up with their old ladies on damp and dirty mattresses on the floor of the clubhouse basement. Beating a bar full of citizens unconscious with chains and rendering the place to splinters in a matter of minutes—and for what? Because somebody said the wrong thing to a brother who couldn't even remember what was said the next morning. Walking into a courtroom with black leather jackets, knee-high boots, earrings, chrome chains and swastikas, then sneering through your beard at a jury of straight citizens and defying them to convict you. And all of you getting handcuffed together and carted off to jail in the end, howling and laughing about it like all hell, but not having put a dime in your pocket. Then getting out and scraping together gas and beer money so you could do it all over again. *Crazy?* Maybe he had a point. Today every department store in the country sells black H-D T-shirts that proclaim: "The Legend Lives On." But it wasn't H-D that made the Legend; it was the people who rode them during a time when H-D was working hard to disassociate itself from the people who were building the Legend that later saved the company from bankruptcy. The Legend that transformed country music singers from crooning cowboys into longhaired rednecks. The Legend that transformed the fashion industry so that middle-aged professionals no longer went to country clubs dressed like Johnny Carson on weekends but instead dressed up like '60s outlaw bikers, with bandannas, denim vests and knee-high leather boots as they putted around the block on \$40,000 machines. And the Legend that enabled outlaw bikers to displace Nazis as the No. 1 bad guys popping up in the neurotic nightmares of suburban middle-class Americans. *Crazy?* I thought about all of this as I washed the beer glasses, wiped the bar, pulled up the rubber mats and began mopping the floor. Soon I forgot what I was doing and started thinking about a lost time when things were different. A time before helmet and drunk-driving laws. A time when America was still half-free. A time when the Jersey Meadowlands wasn't a sports complex but a real meadowlands with grass and flowers that we roared past on the way to Pennsylvania. A time when Reading wasn't the world's largest factory outlet, but a real hard-ass Pennsylvania Dutch working town with mills and breweries and railroad yards. A time when my buddy Blackie wasn't dead and decomposing under a black granite tombstone behind a factory, but riding past that same cemetery with the sun in his face, the wind in his hair, and a black pointed beard like a Persian caliph. A time when Jane wasn't yet a grandmother, but when her own kids were just out of diapers and she herself was still an auburn-haired little Pennsylvania Dutch teen angel with soft green eyes and the sweetest little Dutch futz that ever warmed the passenger seat-pad on a chopped hog. I was thinking about all this, and suddenly everything was changed. Changed utterly. The place no longer smelled like stale beer and it wasn't dark and late on a winter's night. No. Now the sun was shining brightly in the late morning sky, and everything smelled like fresh spring grass as a pack of custom choppers roared through Jersey and Pennsylvania in a blur of chrome, polished candy apple lacquer, black leather, blue denim, grease, sweat, exhaust fumes, long hair, beards and swastikas. The sun was shining in our faces, Dark Surt was grinning on our backs and the Pagans were on the run. I was back in 1967. The year the Legend of the Pagans was born. John Hall, a former chapter president of the Pagans motorcycle gang, is the author of the recently published *Riding on the Edge: A Motorcycle Outlaw's Tale* from which this excerpt was taken.

**Interview with a Pagan** – Oct 1, 2008 – *Pennsylvania* - By Brian Hickey; *Philadelphia Weekly* - Talking to John Hall - Now living in central Pennsylvania, former Pagan Chief John Hall has spent the last decade honing his memories into a vivid account of life inside what the FBI once called “the most violent criminal organization in America.” PW spoke with Hall last week about his new book *Riding on the Edge: A Motorcycle Outlaw’s Tale*. *What motivated you to write Riding on the Edge?* “A while back I was talking to a friend who’d been at the Reading Eagle. I suggested to him, it was around Memorial Day of 1997, that it was the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pagans’ first run through Reading as a pack. He told me they’d been trying to keep the Pagans out of the papers but that we hadn’t heard about them for a while. So I wrote an 800-word piece about it that night. Soon I got a letter from somebody who remembered it all and loved reliving it. Well, here I was, an outlaw who just happened to have the skills to put it all together.” *If I were in your shoes, I’d be worried that some bad people would think I was a rat.* “Most of the people I wrote about are dead, and I’m not ratting anybody out. Besides, you don’t get to be chapter president of a motorcycle gang by being afraid of anybody.” *Is it unusual for a former motorcycle-gang chapter president to be able to write?* “I went to jail in 1969 and while I was in there they asked me if I wanted to go to college. So I went to Penn State and earned degrees in French and German comparative literature, a master’s and almost got a PhD in history. While I was in grad school, I found out that I was a functional illiterate. You can’t bullshit your way to a degree or, later, to an English-instructor’s job. But yeah, I’m as amazed as anybody else at what I’ve been able to pull off.” *In the excerpt we’re using, you reference swastikas and use other ethnic slurs. Were the Pagans white supremacists? Are you?* “No. Make that a resounding no. Near the end of the book, you’ll see how the Pagans actually teamed up with black inmates in prison to take on the white supremacists that the warden had been worried about. I think the question becomes irrelevant after reading about that. Plus, in 1968, the Reading club allowed a black/Puerto Rican member to join, and this was a time where a black or a Puerto Rican couldn’t get into a country club. Look at the posters for Roger Korman’s Wild Angels; he dotted the “i” in “Wild” with a swastika. I’m not really sure about the root of why the gangs used those symbols, but I think it was more of a shock thing.” *Have you ever seen what you consider to be an accurate portrayal of the motorcycle gang life?* “No. In 1966, ’67, ’68, we’d go to the movies and I remember seeing Jack Nicholson [advertised in *Easy Rider*]. Everybody was all excited, but I walked away saying, ‘That wasn’t real.’ It was on the West Coast, not in Pennsylvania. And Pennsylvania was not a sunshine state. I mean, look around today: You have college kids running around in raccoon coats these days. It’s like we’re the last cowboys on the ranch. I’m amazed by how much the times have changed. You can’t even go out and wreck a bar anymore!” *What’s changed?* “Society is much more complex. There’s more law enforcement. The way it used to be, you’d go to wedding or a bar, and two men would get in argument, go outside in the parking lot and settle it. If you knock your opponent down, you let him stand up, and if he can’t stand up, he’s had enough. Guys would be punching each other in the face for 10, 15 minutes and that would be that. But nowadays the police would be pulling up with the whole SWAT team. I guess I still have that old Western cowboy, or steel mill-town mentality. Or maybe I’m just being nostalgic.” *You write about how the Pagans had no problem challenging the Philadelphia mob. Is it all big talk?* “I was tending bar one time and an older guy came in talking about he used to be the head of the Pagans. I thought, ‘Oh boy, am I going to have fun with him.’ But then he ripped down his sweater and showed me the tattoo over his heart,

so we hit it off. He told me the whole story. I initially had his name in the book but removed it at the request of the head of the Norristown Pagans because he’s in the witness protection program now. I spoke with somebody who went to write the history of the Philly mob and he told me there’s really no such thing. You had some Italians, and yeah, the cops would arrest them, but the real badasses were the Irish in Kensington. I mean, Angelo Bruno? Do you really think he was controlling all the drugs in the black communities? The Mafia as we know it is a creation of journalists.”

**Hells Angels patch allows members** – Oct 1, 2008 – *Canada* - Fortifications at Niagara's Hells Angels clubhouse and its strict membership rules helped a judge determine the Nat'l motorcycle gang is a criminal organization. The Darby Road clubhouse in Welland was protected by surveillance equipment and physical barriers, such as barbed wire and a steel door filled with cement. "One wonders why, if the purpose of the organization is legal, there has to be such extraordinary security precautions?" Judge John McMahon said Tuesday in Toronto. The judge studied eight characteristics of the club submitted by Det. Sgt. Kenneth Davis of the province's Biker Enforcement Unit before he came to his conclusion. The club's use of the winged death head skull logo, conformity to national rules and intelligence gathering all helped facilitate criminal activities, the judge determined. "The patch itself demands respect from criminal elements and allows members to intimidate and extort," he said. McMahon said the structure of the Hells Angels would be "the envy of many international organizations." Run by a governing body and executives, chapters take minutes, hold weekly "church meetings" for full-patch members, and have to report nationally. Membership excludes anyone who's been a police officer, prison guard or "man of colour." A lengthy probation period is required so police can't infiltrate the organization, McMahon said.

**Hells Angels-linked gang thwarted in Medicine Hat** – Oct 1, 2008 – *Canada* - By Jason van Rassel - An undercover investigation by Medicine Hat police has stopped an Edmonton-based gang with ties to the Hells Angels from putting down roots in the southern Alberta city. The investigation, dubbed Project Vortex, netted police 1.25 kilograms of cocaine and resulted in the arrest of three men allegedly involved with the White Boy Posse -- a gang that includes white supremacist members with a fondness for Nazi symbols. Although the gang continues to operate, Medicine Hat police said their operation last week has foiled the White Boy Posse's nascent bid to sell cocaine in the city of 60,000. "It was a huge impact in Medicine Hat," said Sgt. Brent Secondiak of the organized crime section. "They were in the process of finding clientele and we stopped them." Police in Edmonton who have observed the White Boy Posse said being a white supremacist isn't a requirement for being in the gang, but the racist ideology is shared by many of its members and associates. "People of that mentality do gravitate to that group," said Acting Det. Dale Johnson of the Edmonton Police Service.

**Irish Gas Station:** Taking a wee break from the golf course, Tiger Woods drives his new Mercedes into an Irish gas station. An attendant greets him in typical Irish manner, unaware who the Golf pro is... "Top o' the mornin to ya". As Tiger gets out of the car, two tees fall out of his pocket. "So what are those things, laddie?" asks the attendant. "They're called tees," replies Tiger. "And what would ya be usin 'em for, now?" inquires the Irishman. "Well, they're for resting my balls on when I drive," replies Tiger. "Aw, Jaysus, Mary an' Joseph!" exclaims the Irish attendant. "Those fellas at Mercedes think of everything."