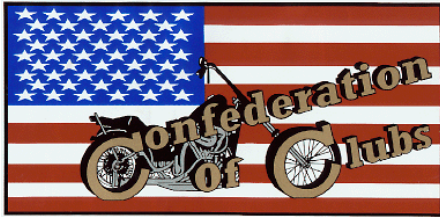


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The N.B.O.D. (National Brotherhood Of Derelicts) has lost Big Jim from the Dayton Chapter of Derelict M.C. last week... R.I.P. Big Jim...

Thanks goes to the Solid Brotherhood MC from Minnesota for its \$ 27.00 donation to this newsletter... Thank You!!!

Special Thanks Goes to Hells Angel Pep who is currently at FCI Herlong, CA for his \$ 25.00 to this newsletter... Thank You!!!

Welcome Misfit K.K. to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Mailing List...

Welcome Bandido Crash to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Mailing List...

Welcome Wino Crew Mark to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Mailing List...

Editor's Note: It is too hard to keep up with counts, But for your info here are the Clubs that are getting the Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter (58 Clubs): Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Damned Deacon, Death Squad, Derelicts, Devils Diciples, Diablos, El Forastero, Finks, Fly-In-Wheels, Forsaken Few, Free Souls, Galloping Goose, Grim Reapers, Gypsy Jokers, Hells Angels, Hells Outcasts, Hermanos, Hessians, Highwaymen, In Country Vietnam, Iron Horsemen, Invaders, Iron Wings, Iron Mustangs, Liberty Riders, Long Riders, Misfits, Mohawk Valley Riders, Mongols, Nomads, Outlaws, Pagan's, Phantom's, Pharoahs, Reapers, Renegades, Sadistics, Sacramaniacs, Scorpions, Sons Of Silence, Sovereign, Sundowners, Thunderbirds, Unforegiven, Vagos, Vietnam Vets, Y Rohirrin, Warlocks, Warlocks And Wino Crew ...

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Editor's Note: Being a Patch holder in Good Standings does have it privileges... And this is one of them... If you are a Patch Holder in Good Standings And contact me, include your Chapter too... If you are NOT a patch holder of a Motorcycle Club in Good Standings, Don't write me & request that I add you to the mailing list... You will only get rejected, as I only make very few special exceptions...

Editor's Note: Currently we are sending over 300 copies of this newsletter to members of 58 Motorcycle Clubs...

Editor's Note: For February there were 2 issues, For March there were 3 issues, For April this is the 3rd issue ...

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It tends to sensationalize the News to Sell Newspapers... In Fact, Many Times the News Media gets the Facts Wrong!!!

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. - Mark Twain...

## Perfume On My Colors... SOS MC Dago...

**Verse 1:** At a party up in the woods last night  
I was feeling mighty fine,  
We was drinking Jack and smoking dope  
And just having a good time...  
There was LSD and ecstasy,  
Some reds and homemade wine-  
Really spun my head, shoulda gone to bed,  
But instead I lost my mind...

**Verse 2:** Musta been that little green-eyed girl  
That I woke up to regret-  
She told me "Music men and motorsickles"  
Made her monkey wet...  
In her mini-skirt she was such a flirt,  
Now she's got me in a bind-  
'Cause when I come to in her motor home  
We was doing sixty-nine...

**Chorus:** She woke me up with a shotgun,  
And she scared me half to death-  
She says I come home drunk last night  
With Pussy on my breath...  
Perfume on my colors,  
And a hickey on my balls-  
I guess it might have happened,  
I just really can't recall...

**Verse 3:** Told her "Baby please, it's only me,  
Won't you put that pumpgun down?  
I know I got shitfaced last night,  
But I didn't fuck around...  
She said "You came stumblin" in here  
Smellin' like some two-bit whore,  
So I packed your shit,  
Now you hit the bricks,  
And you don't come back no more!"

**(Chorus)**

**(Bridge)**

**Verse 4:** So I'm sleeping here at my Brother's place  
With the pit bull on the couch-  
'Cause my wife don't seem to understand,  
And she's really being a grouch...  
A hard dick has no conscience  
And a drunk dick has no brains-  
Now me and Dick, we're in deep shit,  
And we hang our heads in shame...

**Chorus:** And she woke me up with a shotgun  
Like to scare me half to death,  
She says I come home drunk last night  
With Pussy on my breath-  
Perfume on my colors,  
And a hickey on my balls-  
I guess it might have happened,  
I just really can't recall...  
I guess it might have happened,  
I just really can't recall...  
Yeah I'm pretty sure it happened-  
I'd just rather not recall.....

## Confederation of Clubs - Goals: A Coming Together Goals:

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

**One killed in Tulsa drug raid** – Apr 9, 2010 – **Tulsa, Oklahoma**  
- By Matt Barnard - The Tulsa County Sheriffs Office's Special Operations Team entered the building in the 1800 block of North Kingston Place to find a man lying on the ground, Sgt Shannon Clark said. Three deputies fired at the man as he turned to retrieve a handgun from a nearby bookshelf about 7:05 a.m. The man died at the scene, Clark said. While searching the building, deputies found what appears to be a pipe bomb, & the Tulsa Police Dept's bomb squad was called to examine the device. TPD's homicide unit is also investigating the shooting. Clark said other people from the building are being questioned, but no arrests have been made. The building served as a clubhouse for the Rogues motorcycle gang at one time, he said. Authorities had been investigating activity at the building for some time & were serving the warrant for marijuana & methamphetamine, Clark said. The bomb squad examined the device & found that it was not explosive. Authorities will now begin the process of searching through the building, Clark said. There is a surveillance camera bolted above the buildings front door, but it wasn't immediately clear if it was operational.

**A female TV reporter** arranged for an interview with a farmer living in Minnesota, to find the main cause of Mad Cow Disease. **Lady reporter:** Good evening, sir. I am here to collect information on the possible source of Mad Cow Disease. Can you offer any reason for this disease?' **The farmer** stared at the reporter & said: 'Do you know that a bull mounts a cow only once a year?' **Lady reporter** (obviously embarrassed): 'Well, sir, that's a new piece of information, but what's the relation between this Phenomenon & Mad Cow disease?' **The farmer:** 'And, madam, do you know that we milk a cow twice a day?' **The reporter:** 'Sir, this is really valuable information, but what about getting to the point.' **Farmer:** 'I am getting to the point, madam. Just imagine, if I was playing with your tits twice a day & only screwing you once a year, wouldn't you get mad?'

**Stopping prison rape** – Apr 10, 2010 – *Texas* – By Houston Chronicle - Rape is a crime. Corrections officers, of all people, need to know that - Even by the standards of the Texas justice system, the number of rapes committed in our prisons is astounding. And it's even more appalling that most of the rapists are corrections officers — the very people charged with enforcing our laws. The Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that of the 10 U.S. prisons with the highest rates of sexual abuse, five are in Texas. The Estelle Unit, in Huntsville, is No. 1 on that wretched list. Nationwide, 4.5% of prisoners report that they've been sexually victimized in the last 12 months. At the Estelle Unit, it's 15.7%. Assuming that Estelle is running near its capacity, that means roughly 470 people are raped there each year; many of those victims are raped more than once. The other four Texas prisons on the list — the Clements Unit in Amarillo; the Allred Unit near Wichita Falls; the Mountain View Unit near Gatesville; & the Coffield Unit near Tennessee Colony — had rates between 9.3% & 13.9%. Most often, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics surveys, the rapists are corrections staff. The prisoners most at risk tend to be the weakest: women, gay men, juvenile offenders, the mentally disabled, the physically small & those new to life behind bars. In every state, it's a crime for corrections officers to have sex with prisoners, whether it's consensual or not. But that crime is rarely prosecuted. That needs to change. And lately, we have reason to hope that it will. In 2003, George W. Bush signed the Prison Rape Elimination Act, which prompted the studies we're quoting. Attorney General Eric Holder hopes that soon he'll be able to implement the actions those studies suggested. Some of those common-sense standards seem easy to put into effect: Have a written policy of zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse, whether by prisoners or corrections personnel; make it mandatory that staff report any suspicions; assess inmates' risk of abuse; protect those most in danger. (Meaning: Don't put a scrawny, new-to-prison 18-year-old in the same cell as a big, violent known rapist.) Harder to change, though, will be the code of silence that protects staff at many prisons. As Linda McFarlane, deputy director of Just Detention, recently told the Chronicle, each prison "is sort of an entity unto itself." For that reason, one of the recommendations under consideration is particularly important: requiring regular independent audits of every prison or jail & making that data public. How much do we need those independent audits? Consider the West Texas State School, a juvenile prison repeatedly praised by the Texas Youth Commission's internal quality assurance monitors — even as the school's staff was complaining to their higher-ups, & even to officials in Austin, that two high-ranking officials had been sexually abusing teenage inmates for more than a year. A volunteer alerted the Texas Rangers, & an investigation uncovered significant evidence that the officials used a combination of bribes & threats to ensure both cooperation & silence. After refusing advances, one boy was locked in solitary confinement for more than 13 hours. Even after that investigation, neither the area's district attorney nor the Department of Justice pressed charges against the two men, who found jobs elsewhere (one at a school). Only after the Texas Observer broke the story, & the scandal became public knowledge, did anyone act to clean up the school. Secrecy is sexual abuse's best ally. And in prison, it's all too easy to keep secrets.

**Security is mostly a superstition.** It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing. - Helen Keller

**Drug dealing Windsor biker gets 3 years** – Apr 10, 2010 - *Windsor, Ont., Canada* - By Sarah Sacheli - A Windsor man who in 2004 was one of the first people convicted under anti-gang legislation, pleaded guilty to drug offences Thu & was sentenced to 3 more years in prison. Thomas Blakely Graham, 50, told Superior Court Justice Bruce Thomas he is illiterate & can't make money any other way but selling drugs. "I can't read or write," he said. "I don't have any education. Most of my life has been in prison already." Thomas urged Graham to alter his path in life. Graham pleaded guilty to dealing drugs out of the Southwood Hotel. Police, acting on a tip that Graham was selling cocaine out of the Wellington Ave bar, watched Graham on Nov. 11 in what appeared to be a series of drug transactions. He would meet with people, walk to his pickup truck parked outside, then return to the bar. Police officers with the drugs & guns unit arrested him outside the bar & found him carrying 1.5 grams of cocaine, one OxyContin tablet & \$515 in cash. In his truck, police found 49 Percocet tablets. They got a search warrant for Graham's Prince Road home where they found 6 grams of cocaine, 225 grams of marijuana, 123 codeine tablets & 6 OxyContin tablets. Graham was free on bail at the time from two prior drug raids on his house. In a plea bargain Thu, Graham pleaded guilty to 4 counts of possessing drugs for the purpose of trafficking & one breach of a court order. Graham is currently serving a 6-year prison sentence for 2007 drug charges. On Dec. 22, he was sentenced to prison after police found cocaine, Oxycontin, magic mushrooms, marijuana, ecstasy & Dilaudid in a raid on his home. Thursday's sentence will extend his prison stay by three years. Graham, a member of the Outlaws motorcycle gang, has the dubious distinction of being 1 of the 1<sup>st</sup> people in Canada to be convicted of being a member of a criminal organization. That conviction came in 2004 in London. As an Outlaw, Graham spent nearly all his adult life in prison for drug charges & other offences. When asked before sentencing if he had anything to say to the court, the portly man raised his heavily tattooed arms & said, "What can I say? Nine years of my life gone again." Graham has outstanding charges before Ontario court resulting from a 2008 drug raid.

**Gangland trial over Moran murder** – Apr 10, 2010 – *Australia* - Gangland widow Judy Moran & 3 co-accused will stand trial for the murder of her brother-in-law Des 'Tuppence' Moran. Moran was the fourth member of the Moran family to be gunned down when he was shot at an Ascot Vale cafe in Melbourne's north on June 15 last year. A Victorian Supreme Court jury will now decide whether Judy Moran, 65, Suzanne Kane, 46, her de facto partner Geoffrey Armour, 44, & Michael Farrugia, 45, are guilty of his murder. After a three-week committal hearing, Deputy Chief Magistrate Jelena Popovic on Friday also ordered Armour stand trial on a second charge of attempted murder relating to an unsuccessful hit on Mr Moran on March 17 last year. The crown alleges Moran planned the murder of her former husband's brother & drove Armour & Farrugia to & from the scene of last June's shooting. It is alleged that former Rebels biker boss Armour carried out the shooting, accompanied by Farrugia, while Kane is accused of helping to plan the murder & disposing of evidence.

**What is the similarity** between air traffic controllers & pilots? If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies; but If ATC screws up; the pilot dies. - Sign over Control Tower Door...

**The 3 most common expressions** (or famous last words) in military aviation are: 'Did you feel that?' 'What's that noise?' & 'Oh S...!' - Authors Unknown...

**Oral Sex...** By Bingo (DC Eagle/COC of Wisconsin)...

Men have three categories for oral sex –  
GOOD – BETTER and BEST!

He tells the woman doing it –

“OOH! You’re BETTER than all the rest!”

Then she does even more and swallows it -

Because she thinks she really should –

She knows that he enjoyed it -

That’s where it gets really - GOOD!

So where does BEST come in?

I’ll tell you when, where - and how!

GOOD and BETTER are in the past!

BEST is the one he’s getting - NOW!

**Your Innate Problems** (urinate problems) By R. ‘Bingo’ Cosby

When I was a kid I can remember I could stand next to the fender

And I could piss completely over the hood!

Today I’d look like a sap! I’m lucky to hit the hub cap!

Even just that – I doubt that I could!

I went to the toilet last night and I strained with all my might –

And in about a minute – it started to ‘ooze’.

In the toilet bowl? NO! Then where did it go?

It just dribbled down on my shoes!

Then shake it as I may – when I put it away

And zip up my pants - I just sigh!

Because believe me I know – when I turn to go –

There’ll be a few drops run down my thigh!

But I figured a way to save the day!

I take half a Viagra pill cut in two!

Not to get it HARD you see – just to make it long enough to pee

So it don’t dribble down on my shoe...

**Motorcyclists taking sides in Muskegon over helmet** - Apr 9, 2010 – *Muskegon, Michigan* - By Heather Lynn Peters - It’s a traditional rite of spring in Michigan. Motorcycles get shined up & removed from winter hibernation in the garage. And another bill starts moving through the legislature to ban the state’s motorcycle helmet law. Michigan is one of 20 states that requires helmets for all riders. Neighboring states Ohio, Indiana & Illinois do not. For many local motorcyclists, feeling the wind in their hair -- or at least having the option to do so -- is far more important than abiding by the state’s mandatory helmet law. “It’s a two-edged sword,” said Muskegon MC Road Captain Rick Perrault. “There are pros & cons to both aspects. There is the freedom-of-choice side & the safety side.” Perrault admits he doesn’t like wearing a helmet & only does when riding in Michigan because it’s the law.

**H-D laying off** – Apr 10, 2010 - *Franklin, Wisconsin* - H-D Motor Co. has filed a notice with the Wisconsin Dept of Workforce Development informing the agency that it will lay off 94 employees at its distribution center in Franklin beginning June 7. The Milwaukee-based heavyweight motorcycle manufacturer announced more than a year ago that it was closing the distribution center, with a third-party company picking up parts, accessories & general merchandise distribution. The closure was part of a major reduction in operations & work force being undertaken in response to the economic recession. In a mass layoff notice filed this week with the state, H-D (NYSE: HOG) said it was undergoing a “permanent reduction in force” at the warehouse, 10000 S. Franklin Drive. The notice did not indicate how many employees will remain at the facility after the layoffs. Employees are represented by the United Steel, Paper & Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial & Service Workers International Union AFL-CIO Local 2-209. Many of the

affected employees will retain recall rights & some “bumping” or displacement may occur through various Harley facilities in the Milwaukee area as a result of the job force reduction.

**Deputies kill gun-wielding man** – Apr 10, 2010 – *Oklahoma* – By Matt Barnard - It happens during a “high-risk” drug raid at what officials say is a motorcycle gang’s hangout. Sheriff’s deputies killed a gun-wielding man Friday morning during a “high-risk” drug raid at what officials said was a motorcycle gang’s barricaded hangout. The Tulsa County Sheriff’s Office’s SWAT Team was serving a search warrant when its members found a man lying face-down inside the clubhouse at 1826 N. Kingston Place, Sgt. Shannon Clark said. Three deputies opened fire after the man grabbed a handgun from a nearby bookshelf & turned toward them just after 7 a.m., Clark said. The man died at the scene. The cluttered, dark building serves as a gathering place for members of motorcycle gangs, Clark said, & the search warrant stemmed from claims of methamphetamine & marijuana activity there. The name of the man who was shot was not released Friday because his next of kin had not been notified, Tulsa Police Officer Jason Willingham said. Undersheriff Brian Edwards on Friday would not identify the deputies who were involved in the shooting. They are on administrative leave pending the conclusion of the investigation & an internal review by the Sheriff’s Office, he said. Deputies cordoned off several surrounding blocks after they found what appeared to be a pipe bomb inside the one-story building. The Tulsa Police Dept’s Bomb Squad examined the device & determined that it was not an explosive. The search was considered high-risk based on several factors including the building’s layout & history of the occupants, Clark said. “When it comes to something where there could be multiple people, multiple elements inside, they want to use a team that’s highly skilled & highly trained,” he said. “They have a lot of research that goes into it before they ever ask our SWAT team to do a high-risk search warrant.” A surveillance camera sits above the building’s front door, but whether it was operational wasn’t immediately clear. A steel-reinforced gate blocked the front door & had to be removed before the deputies could get inside, Capt. John Bowman said. Neighbors said the club recently had drawn more bikers than usual. The Rogues MC is listed on several property records related to the building. A handful of people were in the building during the raid & were questioned by authorities, Clark said. Officials will wait for the results of the search warrant before determining whether any arrests will be made, he said.

**Three girls all worked** in the same office with the same female boss. Each day, they watched the boss leave work early. One day, the girls decided that when the boss left, they would leave right behind her. After all, she never called or came back to work, so how would she know they went home early? The brunette was thrilled to be home early... she did a little gardening, spent playtime with her son, & went to bed early. The redhead was elated to be able to get in a quick workout at the spa before meeting a dinner date. The blonde was happy to get home early & surprise her husband, but when she got to her bedroom, she heard a muffled noise from inside... Slowly & quietly, she cracked open the door & was mortified to see her husband in bed with her boss! Gently she closed the door & crept out of the house. The next day, at their coffee break, the brunette & redhead planned to leave early again, & they asked the blonde if she was going to go with them. “No way!” the blonde exclaimed. “I almost got caught yesterday!”

**Two more bikers plead guilty in coke ring** – Apr 10, 2010 – *Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania* – By Sheena Delazio - Two more members of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club pleaded guilty Thursday to their role in the \$3.6 million cocaine distribution ring, which began in July 2008. Kenneth Koonrad, 26, of Wilkes-Barre, & Michael Scavone, 44, of Harveys Lake, entered their pleas before Luzerne County Judge Tina Polachek Gartley. Koonrad, who pleaded guilty to corrupt organizations, possession with intent to deliver & criminal use of a communication facility, will be sentenced May 20. Scavone entered the plea to charges of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, criminal use of a communication facility & unrelated charges of operation of a watercraft with a high level of alcohol in his system & being incapable of safely operating a watercraft. He will also be sentenced May 20. The drug ring was busted when undercover agents on March 6, 2009, simultaneously raided the group's clubhouse & a member's home, as well as four other locations. Investigators said they made about 30 controlled cocaine purchases from several members beginning in July 2008. Thousands of calls were intercepted through court-authorized wiretaps that led agents to identify Anthony Manchio, of Wapwallopen, as the Outlaws' main cocaine supplier. According to court papers filed by state authorities, Scavone's role in the drug ring came in phone calls made to John Ricci, 36, of Hanover Township, in which Scavone made arrangements to meet Ricci & purchase cocaine. In the unrelated boating case, a Waterways Conservation officer said Scavone was operating a boat at a high rate of speed in Harveys Lake & had a blood-alcohol content level of .158 percent about an hour after operating the boat. Court papers also indicate Koonrad accompanied Ricci to a drug deal where they sold cocaine to a police informant. In recent months, other members of the Outlaws have entered guilty pleas in county court. In December, John "G Unit" Gonda, 38, of Fern Ridge Road, White Haven, pleaded guilty before county Judge Chester Muroski to charges of corrupt organizations, criminal conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance & delivery of a controlled substance. In March, Ricci & Michelle Ulitchney, 48, of Wapwallopen, entered guilty pleas to charges including corrupt organizations & criminal conspiracy before county President Judge Thomas Burke. Ricci & Ulitchney will be sentenced on July 23. A month before, Francis Buraczewski, 38, of Mill Street, Wilkes-Barre, pleaded guilty to related charges before county Judge Joseph Cosgrove. Manchio & nine others involved in the drug ring are awaiting trial on similar charges, while the following members have entered guilty pleas & have been sentenced:

- John Macking, 38, of Hanover Township, pleaded guilty to related charges in October & was sentenced to two years probation in January.
- Michelle Adams, 43, of Harveys Lake, pleaded guilty & was sentenced in November to one years probation.
- Paul Czerniakowski, 45, of Wilkes-Barre, pleaded guilty in September & was sentenced to 18 months house arrest followed by six months probation.
- Patrick Brown, 40, of Dallas, pleaded guilty in October & was sentenced in January to 18 months house arrest.
- Mitchell Miller, 49, of Wilkes-Barre, pleaded guilty in October & was sentenced to three to six months in prison, followed by a year probation.

**Flying the airplane** is more important than radioing your plight to a person on the ground incapable of understanding or doing anything about it. - Emergency Checklist...

**Four Bandidos indicted in beating, shooting** - Apr 10, 2010 – *Louisiana* - An Ascension Parish grand jury returned a nine-count indictment Friday against 4 members of the Bandidos MC in the beating & shooting of a one-time gang member & another man at a Port Vincent bar on Feb. 24, prosecutors said. Three of the charges are for gang-related activity, according to a news release from the 23rd Judicial District Atty's Office. Indicted were Baton Rouge Chapter President Joe Louis "Bandido Joe" Flores, 35, & his brother, Jose Feliciano Flores, 31, both of Denham Springs; Chester "Bam" Hunnicutt, 38, Prairieville; & admitted Bandido's sergeant-at-arms Derrick "Big D" Johnson, 35, of Walker. All were indicted with one count each of conspiracy to commit second-degree murder, attempted second-degree murder & attempted second degree murder in furtherance of criminal gang activity; & 2 counts each of conspiracy to commit 2<sup>nd</sup>-degree battery, 2<sup>nd</sup>-degree battery & 2<sup>nd</sup>-degree battery in furtherance of criminal gang activity. The grand jury presented the indictment Friday morning at the Ascension Parish Courthouse Annex in Gonzales with Judge Ralph Tureau presiding. Joe Flores, allegedly shot Steven Hoff, 31, Denham Springs, at Fred's on the River, according to case documents, after Flores & 3 other gang members assaulted Hoff during an argument at the bar. Fred's on the River is in Ascension Parish along the Amite River & next to Port Vincent. Hoff had recently been kicked out the gang, which Louisiana State Police have said is known to frequent lower Livingston & Ascension parishes. Arrest warrants are pending for all four on the new charges, with bonds to be set at a later date by Tureau. Joe Flores remains in Ascension Parish Jail along with Chester Hunnicutt. Jose Flores is free on a \$50,573 bond & Derrick Johnson bonded out of Ascension Parish Jail, but is being held in the East Baton Rouge Parish Jail on armed robbery charges. The Feb shooting followed several of weeks of intra-gang turmoil & a Nov gang meeting in Greenwell Springs where members discussed the possibility of someone speaking to law enforcement, according to federal indictments & State Police arrest reports. Federal authorities have confirmed that the ATF & State Police have been investigating the gang since Jan 2009. That investigation led to the arrest of then-gang chapter Pres Johnny Dean Daigle on drug distribution charges on Feb. 5 & of another man, also in February, for lying to an ATF agent about his knowledge of the November meeting, federal indictments allege. Joe Flores replaced Daigle as Baton Rouge chapter Pres when Daigle was arrested.

**The awesome power of a wife's love.** A very old man lay dying in his bed.. In death's doorway, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite chocolate chip cookie wafting up the stairs. He gathered his remaining strength & lifted himself from the bed. Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, & with even greater effort forced himself down the stairs, gripping the railing with both hands. With labored breath, he leaned against the door frame, gazing into the kitchen. Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven. There, spread out on newspapers on the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favorite chocolate chip cookies. Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of heroic love from his devoted wife, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man? Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself toward the table. The aged & withered hand, shaking, made its way to a cookie at the edge of the table, when he was suddenly smacked with a spatula by his wife. "Stay out of those," she said. "They're for the funeral.

**If you see a bomb** technician running, try to keep up to him. - Infantry Journal...

**Authorities aware of motorcycle club in Front Royal** – Apr 11, 2010 – *Virginia* - By Ben Orcutt - Local authorities say they are aware that the Warlocks MC has a presence in Warren County, but so far there have been no serious problems with the group. “Oh yeah, we’re well aware they’ve had a clubhouse here,” Warren County Sheriff Daniel T. McEathron said Friday. “It’s right next to Shenandoah Motors. We’re very well aware of their presence here & they’re very well aware of our presence here.” McEathron, who serves as chairman of the Northwest Virginia Regional Drug & Gang Task Force, said the Warlocks in Warren County may have moved from Shenandoah County. Dozens of members & associates of the Warlocks were arrested on weapons & drug charges in raids in six states in 2003 following an investigation that originated in Shenandoah County. Two agents from the ATF went undercover to infiltrate the biker gang, becoming full-fledged members of the Martinsburg, W.Va., chapter. “So far, we haven’t received any major complaints or any major problems with that residence out there,” McEathron said of the clubhouse. Area residents should not be overly concerned with the Warlocks’ presence in Warren County, McEathron said. “I don’t think there’s any reason right now or in the future to be alarmed,” he said. “Our deputies on several occasions have had communications with them & talked to them & so on. They said everything seemed to be going OK.” Front Royal Police Chief Richard H. Furr said his department also is aware of the Warlocks’ local presence. “We are aware they’re here & at this point, we’re keeping an eye on the situation,” Furr said. “Unless they are committing violations of the law, they’re just like any other citizen here in Front Royal.” Warren County native Irvin Cowgill, 47, is Pres of the Warren County Warlocks chapter & lives at the clubhouse, which sits on about 7 acres just a few miles north of Front Royal off U.S. 340-522. “We’ve been here about 16 months,” Cowgill said. “There’s about 18 of us in this chapter.” Cowgill said the Warlocks are trying to put the past behind them & that none of the members of his chapter are engaged in criminal behavior. “Well, there’s no longevity in that, 2003 kind of proved that,” Cowgill said. “I hope we’ve learned our lesson & we’re trying to move on here. ... None of the people that were involved in any of the 2003 stuff are even here anymore that I know of.” Several pit bulls that appeared to be chained were outside of the clubhouse on Friday, but Cowgill said none of them bite. There was also a Confederate flag flying. Asked what the “1%” signs stand for, he replied, “Yeah, we’re just living life on our own terms, you know. ... Our neighbors tell us this place looks better than it has looked in 10 years.” Cowgill said there are members of other international motorcycle clubs who live in Warren County, but the Warlocks do not have any existing rivalries with those clubs. “We get along with everybody great,” Cowgill said. “We kind of stick to ourselves. We all gotta go out of here & work & stuff. I’m unemployed right now, but I’ve been self-employed as a carpenter for many, many years. “We’ve been here for a long time. Most of us are just old country boys that grewed up here. We just enjoy the camaraderie of the brotherhood.” Club members must ride American-manufactured motorcycles, with the bike of choice being a H-D. “Yeah, of course there’s initiation,” Cowgill added, without elaborating. “You have to meet certain requirements to become a member.” While the Warlocks are often referred to as a “gang,” Cowgill said that is not how they describe themselves. “We don’t use that word at all,” he said. “It’s a motorcycle club. We are trying to do some positive things. Each chapter, the town that they’re in tries to pick some kind of charity to work with.” Cowgill said the Warlocks have supported the Evans Home in Winchester for many years & that the Warren County chapter hopes to raise \$10,000 from a fundraiser for local education. McEathron said

that it was his understanding that the local Warlocks own the Hell Town Tattoo Co. at 121 W. 14th St. in Front Royal. When asked if the Warlocks own the tattoo parlor, Cowgill said, “No comment.” Convicted of a felony for possession of stolen goods when he was 18, Cowgill said he & other members of the local Warlocks chapter are trying to have a positive influence on the community. “We more or less are trying to set an example,” he said. “We put our pants on one leg at a time. We chose the motorcycle & the camaraderie. We have a lot of fun.”

**Bikies slapped with alcohol ban for major event** – Apr 11, 2010 - *Australia* - By Nicole Cox - Bikies will be forced to sip fizzy drinks instead of beer & bourbon after they were slapped with a booze ban for a major Coffin Cheaters event next weekend. The police crackdown has compelled organisers of the Bindoon Dirt Drags event to go alcohol free & issue an 11th-hour warning to patrons not to bring their own liquor or risk fines of up to \$2000. The off-road drag racing, organised by the Coffin Cheaters bikie gang, has been held on the club’s 20.25ha property in Bindoon for the past 10 years. While no booze is sold on-site, in previous years patrons have carted their own cartons in.

**Hundreds of Hells Angels gang members converge for funeral** – Apr 12, 2010 – *Australia* - Hundreds of Hells Angels gang members from around the world have converged in Adelaide for the funeral of former member George Petropoulos, The Advertiser reported. Petropoulos, 44, died of a heart attack in Sydney last month. Once charged with murdering three members of an opposition outlaw motorcycle club, Petropoulos was cleared in that 1999 case when prosecutors dropped the charges because witnesses would not testify. Meanwhile five members of the Hells Angels in town for the funeral were due to appear in the Adelaide Magistrates Court today following a brawl in the city’s adult entertainment strip, Hindley St, about 1:45am this morning. Three men, aged 25, 39 & 40, all from Victoria, a 50-year-old man from the United Kingdom & a 31-year-old South Australian man, were arrested & charged with affray. SA police allege 10 Hells Angels members confronted a group of 5 New Boys gang members in a vicious brawl which saw metal poles & chairs used as weapons.

**Hells Angels take on New Boys in bikie clash** – Apr 12, 2010 – *Australia* - By Andrew Dowdell - *Australia* - Chairs & metal poles were used in a vicious brawl between Hells Angels bikies & a rival gang in Hindley St overnight. Police say ten Hells Angels members confronted a group of five New Boys on the nightclub strip about 1.45am. It is alleged the Hells Angels members were armed with metal poles & chains & that chairs were thrown during the short fight. The Hells Angels left the scene in two cars - one was stopped by police patrols at Light Square but the other escaped. Police are still searching for that car, a blue Ford sedan with Victorian registration XOM677.

**Suspected Comancheros boss seeking bail** – Apr 12, 2010 – *Australia* - By Joseph Sapienza - The suspected boss of the fledgling WA chapter of the Comancheros MC accused of conspiring to supply more than 7kg of methylamphetamine is seeking bail. Steve Milenkovski, 32, of Tuart Hill, appeared via videolink from Hakea Prison in the Perth Supreme Court on Friday as his lawyer sought bail on his behalf. Milenkovski has been in custody since Feb 25 following a city-wide drug raid on about a dozen properties.

**Airspeed, altitude & brains.** Two are always needed to successfully complete the flight. - Basic Flight Training Manual

**Motorcycle group races to rescue of Idaho parks** – Apr 12, 2010 - *Hagerman, Idaho* - By Simmi Aujla; AP - For each of the past 35 years, hundreds of motorcyclists have descended on a secluded canyon tucked among dairies & sugar-beet farms to celebrate war veterans, their bikes & Idaho's breathtaking outdoors. Around Memorial Day every year, members of the Brother Speed MC roar past water pouring from lavarock walls, & crowd onto a field by the winding Snake River. When they learned the canyon might be closed to the public because of Idaho's budget problems, they rallied, surprising administrators & community members in a state where authorities consider them an outlaw gang & joining volunteers nationwide in efforts to save cash-strapped public parks. They rolled up their sleeves, exposing their tattoos, to help plant dozens of trees in one corner of the park. They'll take a break from their motorcycles once a week this summer to guide lawn mowers instead across the familiar pastures. "It's like a home to us," said Todd Sellman, a Boise electrician who's organizing volunteers to maintain the 10-acre grassy area known as Niagara Springs. From California to Vermont, parks fans like Brother Speed are objecting to plans to shutter state parks. Pressure on lawmakers, who must balance those demands with health care & public education needs, has contributed to scaled back closure plans in California, Washington, New Jersey & elsewhere. Advocates have written letters to lawmakers, hailing parks as a cheap source of fun for families during the recession. In California, for example, volunteers are gathering signatures for an initiative that would allow the state to levy a surcharge on vehicle license fees to support natural sights. Arizona has already closed down parks, but people there are still writing thousand-dollar checks to keep their favorite park open. Like other Idaho parks, Thousand Springs State Park is forced to do with less in fiscal year 2011 to meet Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's request that the Parks Dept operate without state money by 2012. Parks agencies in other states have attempted to operate without state funds, but none have succeeded. To deal with the 80% cut in state spending for next year, the Idaho agency proposed closing Thousand Springs, which has lost \$1.1 million over the last four years. But officials changed their mind after public outcry from some of the 223,000 people who visit the park each year. This week, the agency started charging fees at two Thousand Springs units that had been free to the public for decades. The park's rangers insist they will do everything they can to stay open for visitors who come to enjoy the region's breathtaking gorges, canyons & rivers.

**Brother Speed is helping.** Last month, 9 bikers sporting black leather jackets adorned with the group's logo, a grinning skull, planted 75 blazing maples in a corner of Thousand Springs. They worked alongside college students, a Mormon group & a square dancing club. When Brother Speed formed in the late 1960s, the annual Memorial Day retreats were held in places like the Hells Canyon national recreation area & the small resort town of McCall. But as the parties grew, the club sought bigger spaces. In 1974, it decided to move to Niagara Springs because the canyon was large enough to accommodate a few hundred bikers & their families. Park rangers say the bikers have always treated the campground with respect, at one point paying to install new wiring to play music on bigger speakers. The only dustup occurred several years ago when rangers stepped in to stop the bikers from tearing up the turf near the campsite. "I already had the park ranger tell me, don't hotrod the lawn mower," said Kimmer Andrew, 58, one of the group's founding members. Sellman acknowledged that to those unfamiliar with motorcycle groups, Brother Speed's passion for the park may seem unexpected. The state's corrections Dept, though, says the

criminal records of some Brother Speed members merit calling the group a gang. State records show 7 club members are currently incarcerated in Idaho prisons or on parole, the majority for convictions involving possession or trafficking meth. Sellman said law enforcement has labeled Brother Speed as a gang unfairly, & that means the public thinks the club encourages its members to break laws. The group's name, which members say refers to the speed of motorcycles rather than slang for meth, may also contribute to its tough image. "Society as a whole can have a pretty negative view of somebody on a motorcycle," Sellman said. "They lump us all in with street gangs."

**5 men shot, seriously wounded in Englewood** - Apr 12, 2010 – *Chicago, Illinois* – By Sun-Times Media Wire - An argument during a pool tournament inside a motorcycle club not authorized to be open spilled outside where a gunman opened fire, wounding five other men including a 66-year-old Sunday night in the Englewood neighborhood on the South Side. About 8:15 p.m. Sunday, police responded to the shooting in the 5600 block of South Halsted Street, according to police News Affairs Officer Hector Alfaro. The shooting began with an argument during a pool tournament inside the Demons MC, 5607 S. Halsted St., a Wentworth police sergeant said. Several different motorcycle clubs were competing in the tournament & the argument moved outside, where one man who is believed to be in his 30s or 40s, produced a handgun & began firing -- striking five men, the sergeant said. The victims, aged 66, 32, 30, 47 & 56, were all wounded & found outside the club but none of the injuries were life threatening, the sergeant said. The 66-year-old suffered one gunshot wound to the back & one to the neck & was taken in John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County, according to the sergeant who did not know how all five got to hospitals. Alfaro said two were taken to John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County, one was taken to Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, one was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, & one was taken to Mount Sinai Hospital. All five males were in serious condition, according to Alfaro. Chicago Fire Dept spokesman Richard Rosado said three of the victims were transported by their ambulances to Stroger, Christ & a third to Northwestern, all in serious to critical condition. Rosado said the address of the shooting was 5607 S. Halsted St. An agent for the club, Annize Simmons, 72, was issued 7 citations -- for no retail food license, no tavern or club liquor license; no tavern club license; no public amusement license; no building certificate; having no city stamp & for having no exit sign, according to the sergeant. Simmons, of the 6700 block of S. East End Ave., was arrested at 10:30 p.m. at after he was found to be in violation of a cease & desist order, according to police. It was not known immediately when the club was supposed to be closed. The shooter was not in custody as of 4:30 a.m., according to the sergeant.

**Bail hearing Monday for man with ties to Hells Angels** – Apr 12, 2010 – *Canada* – By Kim Bolan - A man linked to the Hells Angels will appear in Vancouver Provincial Court today for a bail hearing after a series of charges were laid against him earlier this month. Juel Stanton, who has been a member of the Angels' East End Chapter, was charged April 4 with 3 counts of possessing a weapon for a dangerous purpose, possessing a weapon without a license & possessing a prohibited or concealed weapon. Stanton, 40, was also charged with assault causing bodily harm related to an incident on March 6 in Vancouver, according to Provincial Court files. Stanton remains in jail, according to the court database, but is due for a hearing today to determine whether he'll be released. Details of the circumstances of the charges were not available Sunday.

**Building Fire May Be Linked To Other Attacks** – Apr 12, 2010 - *Hemet, California* - A fire damaged a Hemet police training building early Monday, & investigators were looking into any possible link to other recent attacks on police & city facilities, a police captain said. According to Hemet Police Capt. Dave Brown, the fire came a day before the Hemet city council considers declaring an emergency due to threats against city employees by members of an outlaw biker gang. No one was in the facility at the time & there were no injuries, but police released no other details. “In light of the incidents involving our department over the past three months, we are investigating the possibility that this is related,” Brown said in a short statement. The blaze is the latest in a wave of incidents involving police facilities or equipment.

**The RICO Defense Laboratory** – March/April 2010 – *West Virginia* – By “The Aging Rebel” - The Pagan’s MC case in Charleston, West Virginia has become a laboratory of ways to defend motorcycle clubs against racketeering prosecutions. A small, hard core of defense lawyers in the case have been fighting the fundamental assumption that underlies these cases: Which is, briefly stated, that police bureaucracies want motorcycle clubs portrayed as criminal rackets; so media sensationalists who depend on police cooperation have obligingly portrayed motorcycle clubs in that way; so everybody knows that motorcycle clubs are rackets; so they must be; so motorcycle clubs have no right to cower behind legal technicalities like the Constitution in trying to assert their innocence. Even when they do not advance this story, some of the arguments these lawyers have raised are eloquent & true & you should hear them anyway. You won’t hear them on television. A guy named Andrew Clevenger has been doing a much better than average job of covering this case for the Charleston Gazette but you will not read them there either. So if you are going to hear them at all you are stuck with this page.

**On Indicia Warrants:** An atty named Thomas J. Gillooly who represents a defendant named Sergio Velez Cuevas has been thundering like a travelling evangelist about indicia warrants for weeks. “The Gov’t’s argument (for these warrants),” Gillooly argues, “amounts to an assertion of the power to issue a general warrant. The Fourth Amendment was adopted to do away with general warrants.” “The Gov’t, as represented in this prosecution, apparently believes that if it has established probable cause for some criminal violation, by someone, it may search for contraband or evidence of anything it pleases. The Gov’t’s misunderstanding (or worse) of its proper role under the Constitution, as evidenced by the warrant & search in this case, is reiterated in its Response to Defendant’s Motion to Suppress.” “It was in enforcing the laws licensing the publication of literature and, later, in prosecutions for seditious libel that general warrants were systematically used in the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. In Tudor England officers of the Crown were given roving commissions to search where they pleased in order to suppress & destroy the literature of dissent, both Catholic & Puritan. In later years warrants were sometimes more specific in content, but they typically authorized the arrest & search of the premises of all persons connected with the publication of a particular libel, or the arrest & seizure of all the papers of a named person thought to be connected with a libel.” “The Gov’t’s actions in this case, & its arguments in defense of what it has done,” Gillooly concludes, “are repugnant to the Constitution & must be rejected.”

**And On Surplusage:** Meanwhile, an atty named Deirdre Purdy who represents a defendant named Richard Weaver has been

attacking the inflammatory & prejudicial language in both the original & the superseding indictments. This language, as in most of these indictments is very unfair & besides the point. The legal term for these words is surplusage. “The Gov’t cannot successfully charge these defendants as criminals, simply because they are Pagan’s MC members,” Purdy wrote last week. “There could not be a more prejudicial statement in an indictment than that the defendants are criminals, by virtue of membership in the Pagan’s MC & that their every act as Pagan’s members is a criminal act. That is not just a charge of a violation of the law, but a statement that guilt is a foregone conclusion, based solely on these defendants’ organizational association.”

**Sadistic bikie** – Apr 12, 2010 – *Australia* – By Sean Fewster – Sadistic murderer, rapist & former Rebels bikie Edward Yost has won the right to appeal against his sentence. The Court of Criminal Appeal today granted Yost, 46, permission to contest the 30-year non-parole period imposed upon him in Dec. Yost pleaded guilty to 1 count of murder, 1 count of gross indecency & 10 counts of unlawful sexual intercourse. Two years earlier his girlfriend, Natasha Jones, was found dead in a house in Para Hills. She had suffered years of abuse at Yost’s hands - he would tie her up for days at a time & videotape the sadistic abuse he inflicted upon her. Although she would seek hospital treatment for her injuries, Ms Jones refused to report Yost to police, fearing he would kill her son in retribution. Police began searching for Yost immediately & raided the western suburbs clubrooms of the Rebels MC. A month later, in one of the longest sieges in state history, Yost locked himself inside a Campbelltown house & held police at bay until he was allowed to speak to his lawyer. Yost also repeatedly sexually assaulted a girl, who cannot be named, on multiple occasions between March 2001 & Dec 2002. In Dec, Supreme Court Justice Michael David jailed Yost for life. He said he had watched the tapes of Yost torturing Ms Jones prior to sentencing. “The saying that a picture tells a thousand stories was never truer,” he said. “The tape brought home the immense sadism & cruelty of what you put your victim through prior to the murder. “It was clear the offence was far from spontaneous... her death was an inevitable conclusion of your cruel, sadistic behavior.” Yost’s appeal will be heard on a date to be set.

**Street brawl accused given bail** – Apr 13, 2010 – *Australia* - Bail has been granted to five alleged Hells Angels members who were arrested over a fight between rival gangs in Adelaide. Adelaide Magistrates Court has been told one of the accused was visiting from the United Kingdom to attend a funeral, but did not get there because he was in custody. The men have been banned from contacting each other. Adelaide police say they still want to speak with at least seven men involved in gang fighting in Hindley St. Acting Detective Superintendent Steve Taylor says it will be hard to track down the others involved. “It’s not like your traditional offending where we have victims come forth & are quite compliant & assist police with their inquiries,” he said. “Bikies, unfortunately part of the culture is they don’t talk to police & yes it does hamper our investigations.”

**‘The Dragon’ partially reopening after rock slide** – Apr 13, 2010 – Tennessee - As of Monday, motorcycle & sports car enthusiasts will once again have access to most of a stretch of road known as “The Dragon.” But a rock slide that caused the segment of U.S. Route 129 to be shut down in March will still block access from the Tennessee side of the road that winds into North Carolina.

**Defendant in Highwaymen case is killed** – Apr 13, 2010 – *Michigan* – By Paul Egan; The Detroit News - A member of the Highwaymen MC who was a defendant in a massive Fed racketeering case has been murdered, but officials said Mon they don't believe the killing is related to the court case. Dennis Vanhulle, 43, who was known by the nickname "Gone," was shot in northeast Detroit about 2 to 3 weeks ago & died Sat at Detroit Receiving Hospital, his attorney, Corbett Edge O'Meara, said Monday. He opened the door of his Detroit residence & was shot in the throat, officials said. As of Monday, no one was charged in the killing. Assistant U.S. Atty Diane Marion, who is prosecuting the Highwaymen case, said Fed agents are involved in the investigation of Vanhulle's killing but initial indications were that the killing was not related to the racketeering case. Vanhulle, who worked as a carpenter, had not signed a plea agreement or even had discussions with federal prosecutors, O'Meara said. More than 80 club members & associates are charged in the case & Vanhulle was not among the six alleged club leaders whose trial began April 1 & continued Monday. Vanhulle faced charges of racketeering, threats, murder conspiracy & transportation of stolen goods. He was scheduled to stand trial along with 13 other defendants July 6. "Dennis was a great guy; he was one of my few clients that I actually liked as a human being," O'Meara said. His survivors include a former wife, an adult daughter & a young son, he said.

**Guardsman on trial in Bandidos investigation** – Apr 13, 2010 – *Louisiana* – By Bill Lodge & David Mitchell - A first sergeant responsible for anti-terrorism efforts of the Louisiana Army National Guard went on trial Monday in Baton Rouge for allegedly lying to a Fed agent investigating the Bandidos MC. In recent months, that investigation has expanded to members of the military & law enforcement officers, a Fed prosecutor told jurors. First Sgt. William B. "Benny" Creel, of Franklinton, made statements that "were not correct," his New Orleans atty, Ralph S. Whalen Jr., admitted to the jury. But Whalen added: "This is not a common street criminal." Whalen noted that Creel was awarded a Bronze Star for valor in Iraq & said, "He is not somebody who ought to even be on trial today." Assistant U.S. Atty Joseph E. Blackwell, however, obtained testimony from a former Bandido member that Creel, 42, deliberately alerted gang members in Nov that Fed investigators would be present at a biker rally in Bogalusa. Blackwell also told jurors the Bandidos are under investigation by the ATF, as well as the Louisiana State Police, for narcotics & firearms trafficking. Also at the focus of that investigation, Blackwell told jurors, are the LA Riders, a motorcycle gang that provides support for the Bandidos in Louisiana, & the Arawyns MC, whose members include law enforcement officers & members of the military. Creel is a member of the Arawyns, Blackwell said, adding that Fed & state investigators are attempting to identify people who are exposing law enforcement sources to the Bandidos. Creel was present at a Nov. 11 meeting at the trailer home of Raymond Tullier, an officer of the Baton Rouge chapter of the Bandidos, Blackwell told jurors. And Tullier instructed a member of the LA Riders to kick a law enforcement source out of the gang. ATF Special Agent Kevin Moran testified that Creel later lied about being present at that meeting. And the recorded conversation contained Creel's repeated denials, along with his angry accusations that Moran was falsely portraying Arawyns members as "dirty cops." "Ain't none of us aligned with the Bandidos," Creel said in the recorded conversation. "If I was there, charge me." Moran testified that Creel is V.P. of the Arawyns. Tullier, 36, testified with immunity & admitted that he has trafficked in methamphetamines & illegal weapons. He said he was kicked

out of the Bandidos for failing to visit a dying member of the gang. He also testified that he began working with law enforcement in Feb. "All the Arawyns," Tullier testified, "are allowed in Bandido compounds." Tullier said Creel warned him on Nov. 13 to alert his fellow Bandidos that undercover ATF & State Police officers would infiltrate a biker rally the next day in Bogalusa. In Jan, Tullier said, Creel invited "all the Bandidos in New Orleans & Baton Rouge" to his home for a Super Bowl party. U.S. District Judge Frank J. Polozola is presiding over the case. In a related development Monday in state court in Gonzales, 2 Bandidos pleaded innocent to attempted second-degree murder & other charges stemming from the Feb. 24 beating & shooting of an ex-member. Judge Ralph Tureau of the 23rd Judicial District Court also set a \$375,000 bond for Joe Louis "Bandido Joe" Flores, 35, of Denham Springs, & Chester "Bam" Hunnicutt, 38, of Prairieville. On Fri, an Ascension Parish grand jury handed down a 9-count indictment against Flores, Hunnicutt & 2 other Bandidos for their alleged roles in the beating & shooting of Steven Hoff & in the beating of Hoff's friend, Brian McDonald, at Fred's on the River bar near Port Vincent. Hoff had been recently kicked out of the gang while McDonald was not a gang member, sheriff's deputies have said. The other Bandidos charged, Jose Flores, 31, of Denham Springs, & Derrick "Big D" Johnson, 35, of Walker, did not attend the arraignment. Also, according to a State Police warrant, Joe Louis Flores, Johnson & another Bandido went to Tullier's house on Feb. 11 & told him that he was out of the gang. Tullier was also robbed at gunpoint of his motorcycle & gang paraphernalia, the warrant says. According to the indictment handed down Friday, all 4 Bandidos were charged with 1 count each of conspiracy to commit 2<sup>nd</sup>-degree murder; attempted 2<sup>nd</sup>-degree murder & attempted 2<sup>nd</sup>-degree murder in furtherance of criminal gang activity; & 2 counts each of conspiracy to commit 2<sup>nd</sup>-degree battery, 2<sup>nd</sup>-degree battery & 2<sup>nd</sup>-degree battery in furtherance of criminal gang activity. Jose Flores, brother of Joe Louis Flores, was booked Monday on the new charges after previously being released on bond on the counts for which he was initially arrested in the Feb. 24 attack, Ascension Parish sheriff's deputies said. Johnson is being held in East Baton Rouge Parish Prison on a separate armed robbery count & was awaiting transport Mon to Ascension Parish to be booked on the new charges, deputies said.

**Gang rivalries persist despite tougher laws** – Apr 13, 2010 – *Australia* – By Jason Om - South Australia may have the some of the toughest anti-bikie laws in the nation but they have not stopped more violence flaring on the streets of Adelaide. Bikie gang rivalry was linked to a car bombing in suburban Adelaide earlier in the year. Now police say they are concerned that a dispute between the Hell's Angels & a street gang known as the New Boys could put more people at risk. Outside an Adelaide church on Monday, more than 100 members of the Hell's Angels gathered for the funeral of one of their own. The church at Thebarton in the city's inner west was overflowing & many of the mourners dressed in leather spilled onto the footpath. They came from across Australia to farewell a key Sydney-based Hell's Angel member, George Petropoulos, who died of a heart attack. He was also a suspect in the shooting deaths of three Rebel bikies in Adelaide in 1999. The case against him later collapsed. The peaceful service was a far cry from gang rivalries unfolding on Adelaide's streets, the latest violence in Hindley Street in the early hours of Monday. "Chairs being thrown up & down the street, steel bars being produced, chains being sort of whipped around, we're very concerned about that," Acting Detective Superintendent Steve Taylor told a news conference. The latest trouble erupted between Hell's Angels & the New Boys.

### **Hells Angel granted bail on a \$75,000 – Apr 13, 2010 – Canada**

– By Andy Ivens - The Vancouver police gang squad is riding herd on a rogue member of the Hells Angels. Juel Ross Stanton, 41, a full-patch member of the Hells Angels' East End chapter charged with assault causing bodily harm, was granted bail Monday on a \$75,000 surety & 21 conditions, some of which are "unprecedented," the head of the Vancouver police gang task force said. Stanton had become such an intimidating force that senior police officers set up a meeting two months ago with the president of the East End chapter of the notorious biker gang "to tell [Stanton] to shape up," Insp. Brad Desmarais told a police news conference. "Clearly, they were unable to control him," said Desmarais. He said a number of gang squad sergeants & constables met with East End president John Bryce & convinced the top biker to agree to rein in Stanton, "but circumstances proved otherwise." Desmarais said Stanton "has come to the attention of the police on many occasions. "One of the consistent themes in these contacts is the use of his status as a full-patch member of the East End chapter of the Hells Angels & the intimidation value that holds.

### **Vancouver police consider crackdown against Hells Angels –**

Apr 13, 2010 – *Canada* - 'We shouldn't be blinded to the undercurrent of criminality' perpetrated by such organizations, inspector says - Vancouver police say they are considering a crackdown against the local Hells Angels after an unprecedented bid by the force's gang unit to get the club to restrain a member who subsequently faced various weapons & assault charges. "We will be examining our current & future enforcement options with respect to the East End chapter of the Hells Angels," Inspector Brad Desmarais of the gangs & drugs section told a news conference Monday. Younger gangs that have been in the news in recent years have a greater tendency to public violence, "but we shouldn't be blinded to the undercurrent of criminality, & the undercurrent of destruction that organizations like Hells Angels continue to perpetrate," said Insp. Desmarais. "[The Hells Angels] have always been a problem for us. Often their level of criminal involvement is perhaps more subtle than other criminal organizations that are operating within the city. "Perhaps that has lowered them on the priority list for enforcement. We're going to have a look at that now." He was not specific about possible tactics. The inspector's warnings came as police were cheering bail conditions that yesterday stripped a member of the East End chapter of the Hells Angels of his right to wear, display, or use any Hells Angels clothing, logos, colours or paraphernalia in any public place, including his motor vehicles & properties. Juel Stanton, who has limits on the use of weapons, drugs & alcohol, is also barred from going to any Hells Angels clubhouse, or associating with any member of the club except for his son. Provincial court Judge Jocelyn Palmer even ruled that Mr. Stanton, 41, cannot present or display his Hells Angels tattoos in any manner or any public place. Stanton is facing charges of possession of a dangerous weapon, 2 counts of assault causing bodily harm, possession of a prohibited weapon & carrying a concealed weapon. Insp. Desmarais said police took the unprecedented step two months ago of complaining to the president of the East End chapter about Stanton. The inspector said they told the Pres "Stanton was engaged in activities & utilizing the club in what we believed to be an intimidation tactic. We advised the Pres at that time that it would be in his best interest to compel Stanton to stop doing that." Asked about the reception, the inspector said "as far as I understand, it was respectful." Crown counsel Theresa Mitchell-Banks said she had sought & received measures forcing the concealment of gang symbols in several previous gang cases, noting that symbols can

be weapons. "If a gang wears its symbols or logos as a way to intimidate people, we'll ask the court they be stripped of that because they're using their reputation as a weapon," she said in an interview. "There's a reason you show [them] to people." She said there was no relevant concern about free speech inherent in the matter. "In any case, where a gang insignia is being used to intimidate a witness, that's not free speech, it's a weapon. It undermines the rule of law because it intimidates people." She added that they don't feel safe enough to come to the police & to the courts. Insp. Desmarais said police would like to see Stanton in custody, but saw the conditions as "the best case scenario" in the current court climate. "There's no opportunity for him to use the weight of the club behind him."

### **Motorcyclist mysteriously crashes off road, dies from injuries**

– Apr 13, 2010 – *Washington* - By Paige Dickerson; Peninsula Daily News - A Port Angeles motorcyclist apparently died when he suddenly veered off Tumwater Truck Route & was thrown from his motorcycle. John M. Fullerton, 59, had been riding southbound with a group of other motorcyclists on the truck route -- state Hwy 117 -- just south of Marine Drive when the accident occurred about 6 p.m. Sunday, Port Angeles Deputy Chief Brian Smith said Mon. Summoned by the other riders, Fullerton was found seriously injured by police & medics in a ditch on the west side of the road. His heavily damaged H-D motorcycle lay nearby. Smith said other motorcyclists told investigators that they did not know why Fullerton left the road & tumbled into the ditch. He was wearing a helmet. No other vehicles were believed to be involved, Smith said. "As far as we can tell, there is no external reason outside of the driver that would have caused him to leave the road," Smith said. "The road does curve there, but it is a long, sweeping curve -- not a sharp curve." Smith said the cause of the wreck was still under investigation & that police will wait for blood toxicology tests to determine if drugs or alcohol were factors. Medics attempted to revive Fullerton at the scene. He was taken to Olympic Medical Center, then airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, where he died. Fullerton is survived by his wife, Betsy, & a 10-year-old son, Josiah. Fullerton had retired from the Coast Guard & from Washington Marine Repair in Port Angeles, Mrs. Fullerton said. "He was a longtime member of the Amigos MC, too," she said. "He loved fishing, boating and, of course, motorcycles." Earlier on Sun he & his friends had gone on a motorcycle poker run to Port Townsend, she said. "Afterwards he was just hanging out with his friends," she said. Mrs. Fullerton said that funeral services for her husband had not yet been set. "We will also want to coordinate with his friends & the MC for the services," she said.

### **Security chip added to Swiss Army knife – Apr 13, 2010 –**

*Switzerland* - The Victorinox Swiss Army Brands people, taking a page from the "Mission: Impossible" archives, recently intro a new thumb drive in London that fits into some models of its multi-tool knife. The memory chip in the drive, called the Secure Pro & available in sizes up to 32 gigabytes, self-destructs if any attempt is made to tamper with it. It is the most drastic security measure on the device, but there are others, including a fingerprint identity function that's aligned with a thermal sensor. In other words, the thing won't work if the finger is detached from the finger-owner's body. These people are serious. The security problems posed by portable flash drives - devices that are easily lost or stolen - are very real concerns to consumers & corporations. The Secure Pro drive is available in the company's Presentation knife model in 3 sizes from 8 gigabytes (\$75) to 32 gigabytes (\$270). The knife also includes a screwdriver, mini LED light, retractable ballpoint pen, blade, scissors & nail file.

**Man shot at reputed motorcycle gang hangout identified** – Apr 13, 2010 – *Oklahoma* – By Matt Barnard - Authorities have identified a man who was shot by sheriff's deputies last week during a drug raid at what officials said was a motorcycle gang's hangout. The Tulsa County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Team was serving a search warrant at the clubhouse at 1826 N. Kingston Place when they found Russell Doza, 49, lying on the floor. Authorities said Doza retrieved a gun from a nearby bookshelf & turned toward the deputies. 3 deputies fired shots & Doza died at the scene. The search warrant stemmed from claims that meth & marijuana activity was taking place in the area. Deputies also arrested Scott Sollars, 54, & Albert Ahlfinger, 49. Sollars is being held at the Tulsa Jail on complaints including possessing a firearm after the commission of a felony, eluding a police officer & obstructing an officer. His bail is set at nearly \$11,300. Ahlfinger faces complaints of possession of a firearm after the commission of a felony & contempt of court, with bail set at nearly \$25,600. Doza had "parted from" his family several years ago & moved between towns in northeastern Oklahoma. He sometimes stayed at the clubhouse while passing through Tulsa, said a friend, Ramona Gregory. Gregory met Doza in the mid-'80s while riding motorcycles with her former husband. Doza had a beard, long hair & developed a strong bond with fellow riders, Gregory said. "He was a gypsy kind of guy. He didn't have a place to call his own – he had his brothers," she said. "The club was his family." Bikers would come & go from the clubhouse, sometimes staying overnight, like Doza did Fri. Many of them carried guns for protection, Gregory said. The Rogues have been around for decades & kept another clubhouse in Oklahoma City, she said. An accidental explosion nearly killed Doza a few years ago & left him with limited hearing. He used hearing aids & may not have heard deputies' commands when they came into the building, Gregory said. "Coming out of a dumb sleep, you're going to reach for something to protect yourself," she said. "Automatically, if he has a gun to protect him, he's going to reach for it." Doza's body was taken to the state Medical Examiner's office after the shooting. He had multiple gunshot wounds & his death is considered a homicide, spokeswoman Cherokee Ballard said. Details about how many times Doza was shot were not available. Doza spent time in a Med-security prison in Granite after being convicted of drug trafficking & possession of a firearm while committing a felony. He appealed the verdict in 2002 & it was overturned after he spent about a year in prison, court records indicate.

**Coke habit sparked spiral, says judge in jailing trafficker** – Apr 14, 2010 – *Canada* – By Dean Pritchard - Lloyd Jansen was on the road to ruin the 1<sup>st</sup> day he snorted cocaine, a judge was told Tue. Jansen, 38, pleaded guilty to 1 count of drug trafficking & was sentenced to 3 years in prison. Jansen ran his own diesel repair shop in Cypress River when mounting drug debts forced him to sell the business & go to work for the Hells Angels as a drug courier. "It was that 1<sup>st</sup> line of cocaine that was introduced to Jansen some time ago that started his spiral downward," said his lawyer Darren Sawchuk. "He felt he had no choice (but to work as a drug courier). He couldn't go to authorities." Jansen was one of 31 people arrested in a year-long police investigation - dubbed Project Divide - targeting members & associates of the Zig Zag Crew, the so-called "puppet club" of the Manitoba Hells Angels. Jansen was arrested in July 2009 sale of 10 ounces of cocaine worth \$14,000 to a paid police agent. Court heard Jansen repaid his \$50,000 debt & walked away from the drug trade in late 2009. In Dec, after learning there was a warrant for his arrest, Jansen turned himself in to Brandon police. Jansen's chances for rehabilitation appear strong, said Crown atty Chris Mainella.

**Contractor gets 38 months for soliciting Pagan muscle** – Apr 14, 2010 – *West Virginia* – By Andrew Clevenger - An electrical contractor from Northern Virginia who asked the Nat'l V.P. of the Pagan's MC to help him collect 5-figure business debts was sentenced Tue to more than 3 years in Fed prison. John N. Maggio, 47, of Alexandria, Va., pleaded guilty to 1 count of extortion in Nov. Although he has never been a member of the Pagan's, Maggio had known Floyd B. "Jesse" Moore, 64, of St. Albans, the biker club's Nat'l V.P., for 2 decades. Moore referred Maggio to his personal sergeant-at-arms, who often acted as Moore's enforcer, according to Maggio's plea agreement. However, that man was acting as a C.I. for the Gov't, & Maggio was caught on tape in Nov 2008 discussing the use of threats & violence. Maggio is the first defendant in the Pagan's case to be sentenced in Fed court. On Tue, he called reaching out to the Pagan's for muscle as "the worst decision & the biggest mistake of my life." "I've worked long & hard for the last 20 years to build a respectable business, turning many clients into friends," he said, reading from a typed statement. At the time, Maggio's business was struggling, & 2 clients stiffed him for work that had already passed inspection, said his atty, Michael Fisher. Maggio provided Moore's enforcer with names, addresses & physical descriptions of the intended victims, one of whom owed Maggio \$16,700 & another who owed him \$13,000, according to court records. During the conversation, which was recorded, Maggio said he didn't care how badly his debtors were injured. Assistant U.S. Atty Steve Loew acknowledged that Maggio has cooperated with the government since he was indicted alongside 54 other members & associates of the Pagan's in Oct 2009. But he disputed Maggio's characterization of the incident as a lapse in judgment, calling it instead a serious crime. "It wasn't a mistake, it wasn't an accident. It was several intentional acts," Loew said. "The potential for violence in a case like this is so extreme." U.S. District Judge Thomas E. Johnston said that one of the intended victims, neither of whom was actually harmed, could have been seriously hurt or killed if Moore's enforcer hadn't been working as an informant. He sentenced Maggio to 38 months in prison, & fined him \$7,500. The judge ordered U.S. Marshals to take Maggio into custody immediately following the hearing. As he handed his father his personal effects, Maggio hugged him & told him he was sorry. Nineteen defendants have entered guilty pleas in federal court to charges that include helping stockpile explosives as part of an ongoing feud with the Hells Angels MC, intimidating other motorcycle clubs & selling drugs. The trial for the remaining defendants is scheduled to start in early May.

**Police to blitz Danny Green fight** – Apr 14, 2010 – *Australia* - By Gabrielle Knowles - WA police have promised to blitz tonight's Danny Green-Manny Siaca IBO cruiserweight bout, with outlaw motorcycle gang members & other "persons of interest" expected among the sell-out crowd. The promoters of tonight's title fight at Challenge Stadium have given police access to the names of VIP ticket holders - every one of whom must pass through a metal detector or be refused entry. A security crackdown at Green's fight against Anthony van Niekerk at Challenge Stadium 12 months ago saw lengthy delays as patrons queued for hours to pass the security checkpoints. Outlaw motorcycle gang insignia is banned at the bout & Acting Insp. Hussey promised to refuse entry to anyone who wore bikie colours or refused a metal detector search.

**As the test pilot** climbs out of the experimental aircraft, having torn off the wings & tail in the crash landing, the crash truck arrives.

## **Creel denies he lied to investigator – Apr 14, 2010 – Louisiana**

– By Bill Lodge - First Sgt. William B. “Benny” Creel, the Louisiana Army National Guard’s statewide anti-terrorist program manager, repeatedly denied today that he lied to a Fed investigator looking at outlaw motorcycle gangs. Creel’s testimony came in the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of his trial on a Fed false statement charge. The Baton Rouge jury of 11 women & 1 man was still deliberating late tonight. Creel, 42, of Franklinton, was indicted in Jan for allegedly making a false statement to a Fed agent pursuing a narcotics & firearms investigation of the Bandidos motorcycle gang. Creel admitted to jurors he flatly denied last Dec that he had been at a Bandido officer’s Baton Rouge-area residence on Nov. 11. That denial also was heard by jurors in a recorded conversation between Creel & Special Agent Kevin Moran of the ATF. But Creel told jurors he did not consider his Nov. 11 response a lie. “It was not a lie,” Creel testified. “I told him that to be difficult.” “You made a choice to lie,” Assistant U.S. Atty Joseph Blackwell insisted. “Him (Moran) asking his stupid questions, to me, meant nothing,” Creel replied. “He slandered my name. I did not have an association with the Bandidos.” At one point, Creel said: “They said we were selling guns to Bandidos ... all kinds of preposterous stuff that I would never do, & I was mad about it.” Blackwell told jurors that Creel’s false statement was intended to interfere with an investigation by the ATF & Louisiana State Police into the possibility that Bandidos members were involved in gun & drug trafficking. Blackwell added that the investigation also was aimed at locating the source of leaks about confidential informants to the Bandidos. He said investigators also were looking the Arawyns MC, whose members include law enforcement officers & members of the military, & at the LA Riders, a motorcycle gang that provides support for the Bandidos in LA. The LA Riders MC is not associated with the television show “LA Rider,” Bob Courtney, the show’s executive producer, said in an e-mail. Creel, who was awarded a Bronze Star for valor in Iraq in 2008, testified that he was a founding member of the Arawyns in 2001. He repeatedly denied Arawyns have a supportive relationship with the Bandidos. Creel admitted he invited Bandidos to his home for a Super Bowl party, but said that happened because he was intoxicated, having taken an Ambien sleep aid after drinking some wine. Ralph Whalen Jr., Creel’s New Orleans atty, reminded jurors that Creel is “the head of the state’s anti-terrorism unit. “This isn’t somebody who has any reason to lie,” Whalen said. “This is a case of things getting exaggerated.” Whalen said Creel went to Bandido officer Raymond Tullier’s residence in Nov only after honoring a friend’s request to make a Veterans Day appearance at Tullier’s son’s elementary school. Tullier, who testified Mon that Creel warned Bandidos in advance that ATF & State Police undercover agents would be at a Nov. 14 biker rally in Bogalusa, should not be trusted to tell the truth, Whalen said. Whalen noted that Tullier testified with immunity after admitting he had trafficked in illegal weapons & meth. Assistant U.S. Atty Fred Menner Jr. reminded jurors that Creel had 14 years’ experience with the Franklinton Police Dept & Washington Parish Sheriff’s Office & that nearly half of his service was spent as an undercover investigator. Menner noted that during the Nov. 11 meeting with Creel, Tullier mentioned the need for dealing with 2 gang snitches who had talked with law enforcement officers. “Shouldn’t there be red flags popping up all over the place (for Creel)?” Menner asked. Menner said Creel lied to Moran because: “He didn’t want ATF & the Louisiana State Police to know about his relationship with the Bandidos. “He (Creel) doesn’t want to cooperate,” Menner said. “He wants to lie & mislead.”

**The only time** you have too much fuel is when you’re on fire.

**Hells Angel veteran calls Vancouver police’s bluff** - Apr 14, 2010 – *Canada* - By Ian Bailey - A veteran B.C. member of the Hells Angels says a Vancouver PD pledge this week to go after a chapter of the gang is more about spin than actual intentions. Rick Ciarniello, a member of the Vancouver chapter for 27 years, said if police had evidence against Hells Angels they would be making new arrests rather than talking about making arrests. “It is so vague & meaningless,” Ciarniello said Tue of comments this week from the police inspector in charge of gangs & drugs. “The police need their boogeyman & we’re it, & they want to keep the fact that we’re bad guys as much in the public’s mind as they can. “The fact is if we’re all doing what they say we’re doing, we should all be in jail. We’re just not that clever.” Ciarniello was reacting to statements by Vancouver Insp. Brad Desmarais that the Dept is going to examine its “current & future enforcement options” with regards to the East End chapter of the Hells Angels. His comments came as Juel Stanton, a full-patch member of the chapter facing various assault & weapons charges, was slapped with a series of tough release conditions that will bar him from wearing Hells Angels clothing & from displaying his club tattoos. Part of the issue in the legal proceedings against Stanton is the assertion that he was using his club membership as a means of intimidation – a situation that prompted Desmarais to send officers to ask the chapter Pres to try to rein in Stanton. Ciarniello said he was curious about why the police didn’t just skip the step of meeting with the Pres & arrest Stanton if they were concerned about his conduct. He said there was nothing new in the Insp’s statement. “If any Hells Angel breaks the law, they’re going to enforce the law & charge us with something. They would do that anyway. What’s new? “They’re already overzealous when it comes to Hells Angels, about going after us. Nothing is going to change unless they plan on doing something illegal ...” Desmarais said he will consider his options, & a Dept spokesman said Tue it was too soon to elaborate on the Insp’s plans. “There are a nbr of investigative options at our disposal when we decide to go down these roads,” said Constable Lindsey Houghton. Vancouver PD & RCMP have previously been at odds with the Hells Angels through a series of prosecutions spanning many years. Last month, 2 Hells Angels were given sentences of a year & 14 months, respectively, for drug-trafficking offences. Both fell far short of the 12 years & 16 years the Crown was seeking. The Crown has announced it will appeal. Julian Sher, a Montreal-based investigative journalist who has written 2 books on the Hells Angels & is familiar with the B.C. scene, said police, who have already gone after the Angels in B.C., appear to be taking a new stand against the organization. “I think, to some degree, the police are sort of saying, ‘We’re drawing a line in the sand & maybe the police & politicians & ordinary people should do the same.’ “Hells Angels are very public. Hells Angels are very arrogant, very in your face. They have a website. They make statements. It’s like the schoolyard bully. The way you stop bullies is by standing up to them.” He said the “ultimate victory” for the force would be to shut down the East End club, which has occasionally happened in law enforcement’s war against the group. Mr. Sher referred particularly to the chapter in Halifax that was closed, but is now making a comeback. “I don’t think Brad Desmarais, or any of the cops, are under any illusion they are ever going to wipe out organized crime, wipe out the Hells Angels or wipe out the drug trade,” he said. The goal is more incremental. “It’s saying, ‘You’re going to be there. There’s always going to be organized crime & there, pretty much, will always be the Hells Angels, but we can make life so miserable for you that it’s not going to be as much fun as it used to be & maybe, at least, you won’t expand & maybe you will wither & die in at least a few places.’ “I think that’s what success is.”

**Warrants detail alleged drug sales at Tulsa biker** – Apr 14, 2010 – *Oklahoma* – By Matt Bernard - Steel bars, video cameras & a standing guard protected a maze-like building that authorities said serves as a biker gang's hangout, according to court documents related to the case. Search warrants detail alleged drug sales at the building at 1826 N. Kingston Place, which was raided by sheriff's deputies Friday morning. Russell Doza, 49, was fatally shot when he turned toward deputies with a pistol, authorities said. Two other men were arrested on weapons complaints after the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office's Special Operations Team entered the building. A handful of other people are mentioned in the warrants, but they apparently are still at large. The clubhouse serves as a gathering place for the Rogues motorcycle gang & the doors are barricaded with steel bars & grills, according to the warrants. A system of video cameras is installed outside & a "door man" stands guard to unlock the front door for entrants. The building's interior was "set up like a maze," the warrants state. Much of the information in the documents comes from a C.I., who contacted a deputy the day before the raid. The informant noticed a large amount of drug activity & relayed the information, the warrants state. The informant alleged that meth & marijuana were being sold at the clubhouse & Kenneth Boyce, a club member who uses the street name "Rat," dealt drugs from the building. A deputy staked out the building & noticed short-term visitors, indicating that the building housed a drug operation, the warrants state. It wasn't immediately clear if any drugs were found in the clubhouse. The FBI had a member on the task force that investigated the bikers & is overseeing the building's search, Sgt. Shannon Clark said. The search was considered a "high-risk" operation because of the suspects' criminal pasts, the building's barricades & the surveillance system, according to the warrants. Both men who were arrested Friday, Scott Sollars, 54, & Albert Ahlfinger, 49, are previous felons & have spent time in prison for drug offenses, records show. They are now held at the Tulsa Jail on weapons complaints. Authorities said Doza was lying on his stomach when deputies entered the clubhouse & turned toward them with a gun he had retrieved from a bookshelf. Three deputies fired shots & Doza died at the scene. Court records show that Doza had been imprisoned after being convicted of drug trafficking & possession of a firearm while committing a felony. The conviction was overturned on appeal after he had spent about a year in prison. The deputies were identified Tuesday as Deputy Lance Ramsey, a 22-year veteran of the department; Cpl. Tom Helm, a 16-year veteran; & Sgt. Shane Rhames, a 14-year veteran. They are on paid administrative leave while an internal investigation is completed.

**Notes on official state motorcycle** – Apr 14, 2010 – *Madison, Wisconsin* - Harley-Davidson motorcycles & the bacterium that converts milk into cheese are slated to be honored by the Wisconsin state Assembly. Bills that would make Harley the official state motorcycle & *Lactococcus lactis* the official state microbe are up for a vote on Thursday. Opponents have emerged to the Harley designation, saying it's not wise to give such an honor to a private company even if it was formed & remains based in Milwaukee. A group opposed to noise pollution has also sounded alarms. But that hasn't stopped state lawmakers from looking to score points with the purely symbolic designations. And they may not stop there. Another proposal to make cheese the official state snack awaits debate.

**I've done so much with so little for so long;**  
I can do anything with nothing...

**Gruene Harley gives \$208,000** – Apr 14, 2010 – *New Braunfels, Texas* – By Bryan Shettig - Bikers brushed shoulders with company directors Saturday to present money raised by local hog riders. Gruene H-D presented a check to directors of charitable groups for \$208,000 to symbolize its donation to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Easter Seals, YMCA of Greater San Antonio & San Antonio Sports. The store's general manager, Trevor Bird, also announced the location of its 16th annual For the Love of Kids & Harleys event, titled "Not So Sweet Sixteen," on Sept. 21 at Cowboys Dance Hall in San Antonio. The local store raised \$160,000 for local organizations last year, said Jennifer Treviño, marketing manager for Gruene H-D. This year each charity recipient will receive \$52,000. "This is a collaboration of a group of friends who combined two of their passions, riding Harleys & helping children in the community," Bird said.

**A month later, less than half of 33 arrested Vagos members charged** – Apr 15, 2010 – *California* – By Robert J. Lopez - A month after authorities in Riverside County targeted the Vagos MC, less than half of the 33 members arrested have yet to be charged with a crime, records show. Authorities said the March 17 multi-agency operation was intended to send a "powerful message" to the gang, which was described as an "extreme threat" to law enforcement. As of Wed, criminal charges had been filed against 14 of the reputed members, according to a Times review of records filed in Riverside County Superior Court. Two members who were charged have pleaded guilty to felony counts of possessing controlled substances, records show. Others, such as a 50-year-old man arrested on suspicion of possessing a billy club, have yet to be charged. A 31-year-old member arrested on suspicion of possessing a counterfeit state seal had also not been charged, according to court records. John Hall, a spokesman for the Riverside County district attorney's office, said prosecutors are still reviewing some of the cases. In others, he said, there is no rush to file charges because the defendants are not in jail, which would have forced prosecutors to file charges quicker. The operation, during which about 400 officers targeted more than 70 locations, was successful because it let the Vagos know they have caught the attention of law enforcement officials, Hall said. Officers seized weapons, small quantities of drugs & stolen vehicles. "They need to know we are keeping an eye on them," Hall said. "Part of the message we are trying to send is to let them know we know they are out there."

**Guardsman convicted of lying to Fed agent** – Apr 15, 2010 – *Louisiana* – By Joe Gyan Jr. - A Fed jury today convicted a Louisiana National Guardsman accused of lying to a Fed agent investigating the Bandidos motorcycle gang. The unanimous verdict came less than an hour after the 11 women & 1 man on the jury reported they were "hopelessly deadlocked." It was at that point that U.S. District Judge Frank Polozola gave the jury the so-called "dynamite charge," asking them to deliberate further in order to reach a verdict & spare the expense of a 2<sup>nd</sup> trial. No sentencing date was set & First Sgt. William "Benny" Creel, the Louisiana Army National Guard's statewide antiterrorist program manager, remains free on bond. Creel, 42, of Franklinton, was indicted in Jan on a count of making a false statement to a Fed agent. Creel's atty Ralph Whalen Jr. of New Orleans declined comment after court today. The jury deliberated 12 hours before reaching a verdict.

**Adversity** has the same effect on a man that severe training has on the pugilist - it reduces him to his fighting weight."

*Excerpts from:* **Jury convicts Creel of lying to agent** – Apr 15, 2010 – **Louisiana** – By Joe Gyan Jr - Guardsman faces up to 5 years - Jurors deliberated for about 12 hours — 8 hours on Wed & 4 Tue night. No sentencing date was set for Creel, who was awarded a Bronze Star for valor in Iraq in 2008. He remains free on bond. Creel, the Louisiana Army National Guard's statewide antiterrorist program manager, has been on administrative leave. The 42-year-old Creel was indicted in Jan on a count of making a false statement to a Fed agent pursuing a narcotics & firearms investigation of the Bandidos. Assistant U.S. Attys Joseph Blackwell & Frederick Menner Jr. claimed during the trial that Creel lied when he told a ATF agent he was not at a Nov. 11 meeting at the trailer home of Raymond Tullier, an officer of the Bandidos' Baton Rouge chapter. Blackwell told jurors Creel's false statement was intended to interfere with a probe by the ATF & Louisiana State Police into the possibility that Bandidos members were involved in gun & drug trafficking. Tullier testified Creel warned Bandidos in advance that ATF & State Police undercover agents would be at a Nov. 14 biker rally in Bogalusa. Tullier testified with immunity after admitting he had trafficked in illegal weapons & meth. Prosecutors said the ATF-State Police investigation also was aimed at locating the source of leaks about confidential informants to the Bandidos.

**Senate Passes Anti-Gang Bill** – Apr 16, 2010 – **Georgia** – By Rebekka Schramm - The Georgia Senate unanimously passed a bill on Monday that stiffens the penalties for those caught participating in gang activities. House Bill 1015 strengthens Georgia's already tough anti-gang laws. State Rep. Rich Golick, R-Smyrna, authored the bill. First, it creates a strong penalty for those who recruit others into gangs. "They're recruiting in high schools," Golick said. "They're recruiting in junior high schools, & they're even recruiting at an elementary level. This is something that we have to stay ahead of." The bill also strengthens the penalty for defendants caught threatening witnesses. State Sen. John Wiles, R-Marietta, carried the bill in the Senate. "One of the problems when you have a gang crime is once it's been indicted & goes to trial, the threats to the family members & to the witnesses that if they go & testify, bad things are going to happen," Wiles said. Golick said some gang members threaten people simply for talking to police officers. Under the bill, gang members caught intimidating or recruiting could receive an additional 10 years on top of the sentence they receive for their original crimes. "We're hoping that with these additional teeth, we'll have additional deterrents in our war against criminal street gangs," said Golick.

**DOJ wants to read email without warrants** – Apr 16, 2010 – **USA** - Google & an alliance of privacy groups have come to Yahoo's aid by helping the Web portal fend off a broad request from the U.S. Department of Justice for e-mail messages, CNET has learned. In a brief filed Tue afternoon, the coalition says a search warrant signed by a judge is necessary before the FBI or other police agencies can read the contents of Yahoo Mail messages--a position that puts those companies directly at odds with the Obama administration. Yahoo has been quietly fighting prosecutors' requests in front of a Fed judge in Colorado, with many documents filed under seal. Tuesday's brief from Google & the other groups aims to buttress Yahoo's position by saying users who store their e-mail in the cloud enjoy a reasonable expectation of privacy that is protected by the U.S. Constitution.

**No tendency is quite so strong** in human nature as the desire to lay down rules of conduct for other people.

**NCOM Convention Honors Fallen Riders; Invites Names For Tribute** – Apr 16, 2010 – **USA** - With the 25th Annual NCOM Convention just weeks away, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MRO's, motorcycle clubs, & riding associations submit the names of those members & supporters who have died since May 2009, so that we may honor their memories during the traditional "Ring of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board, or e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at NCOMBish@aol.com... Attendees are also encouraged to bring an item on behalf of their organization for the Freedom Fund Auction, with proceeds benefiting the motorcyclists' rights movement nationwide through Getting Our People Elected donations, NCOM Speaker Program, lobbying activities & other pro-motorcycling projects as determined by the NCOM Board of Directors. This year's Silver Anniversary NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 6-9, 2010 at the Orlando Airport Marriott, 7499 Augusta National Dr., Orlando, Florida. Over the past quarter century, this annual gathering has drawn bikers' rights activists from across the country & around the globe to discuss topics of concern to all motorcyclists, so reserve your place in history today! Meetings, seminars & group discussions will focus on safety issues, legal rights, legislative efforts & litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride & Freedom of the Road.

**Nat'l Mandatory Motorcycle Helmet Law** - Apr 16, 2010 - **USA** - By Jeff Hennie; MRF - The **Motorcycle Riders Foundation** has learned that, in a hearing held this week by the U.S. Senate Environment & Public Works Committee, Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) repeatedly called for a Nat'l mandatory helmet law. The hearing, entitled "Opportunities to Improve Highway Safety," focused on areas that need improvement when it comes to the landscape of highway injuries & fatalities. In his opening statement, Lautenberg said that there should be a mandatory motorcycle helmet law for all riders in America. This is typical for the 86-year-old senator. He has routinely attempted to put a Fed mandatory helmet law in place before. Lautenberg currently chairs or sits on every single senate committee that has jurisdiction over roads & road safety. During this hearing, Lautenberg was not alone in his quest for an all-rider Fed helmet law. As expected, the spokesperson for the Advocates for Highway Safety also voiced their opinion that a Nat'l helmet law is a good idea. Fortunately, the hearing didn't only focus on the helmet debate; in fact, very little of it did. There were other issues covered such as impaired driving, distracted driving, & big trucks. As always, the MRF will keep you informed on this & all issues affecting motorcyclists from Washington DC.

**Biker clubhouse demolition a 'Hell' of a job** – Apr 16, 2010 – **Canada** – By Peter Kenter - Over the years, the building has been invested with different meaning by different parties. The building had served as a motorcycle clubhouse for almost 25 years. It was originally owned by members of the Satan's Choice motorcycle club & then became the property of the Oshawa Hells Angels. For Priestly Demolition Inc. of Aurora, the contract was a small one — a \$19,000 residential demolition & cleanup. "It was nothing special to us," says John Phillips, vice-president of operations with Priestly. "It doesn't make any difference to us if the front door says Hells Angels or Girl Guides/Scouts. Phillips says the 1<sup>st</sup> day on the job was unusual only because of community interest. "We had the press, 30 police cars & a police helicopter overhead," he says.

**13 Pagan's defendants avoid Fed charges via plea deal** - April 18, 2010 - *Charleston, West Virginia*-- By Andrew Clevenger - Last week, the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant in the sweeping racketeering case against members & associates of the Pagan's MC was sentenced in Fed court to more than 3 years in prison. But John Maggio, a 47-year-old electrical contractor from Alexandria, Va., who admitted he asked a Pagan's officer for help collecting 5-figure business debts & received a 38-month prison sentence from U.S. District Judge Thomas E. Johnston, was not the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 55 defendants to have his case resolved. During the past few weeks, a group of defendants accused of transporting proceeds from a motorcycle raffle across state lines pleaded guilty to a gambling misdemeanor in Kanawha County Magistrate Court. Without exception, they have been fined \$5 plus court costs, with no jail time. In exchange, Fed prosecutors have asked Johnston to dismiss the Fed charges of interstate travel in aid of racketeering - a Fed felony that can carry up to 5 years in prison -- against them, with prejudice, meaning they cannot be brought again. That resolution has left at least 1 defense atty questioning how that part of the 44-count indictment was handled. Kanawha County assistant prosecutor Dan Holstein said earlier this month that Fed prosecutors had given him a list of 15 out-of-state defendants with whom he could strike the plea deal. Because they traveled to St. Albans, where the raffle proceeds were purportedly collected in 2008, the defendants have to agree to let the state case proceed beyond the statute of limitations, which would have expired in April 2009. So far, 13 defendants charged only in count 11 of the indictment have taken the deal. They are: Rocco "Rocky" Boyd, of Little Ferry, N.J.; Christopher "Spider" Brunner, of Manahawkin, N.J.; Thomas "Oddball" Connolly, of Matawan, N.J.; Sergio "Cano" Cuevas, of Linden, N.J.; William "Prospect Sal" Desalvatore, of Horsham, Pa.; Dominick "Tack" Dipietro, of Philadelphia; Stephen "Tuna" Dunn Jr., of Camden, N.J.; Damian Foti, of Philadelphia; Stephen "Bear" Hoffman, of Landing, N.J.; Charles "Doover" Laverty, of Hermitage, Pa.; Vincent "Pit Stop" Pezzano, of Philadelphia; Daniel "Wookie" Reilly, of Egg Harbor Township, N.J.; & Vincent "Vin Dog" Talotta, of Philadelphia. In addition, Joseph "Rattler" Cotton, who was charged with participating in the beating of an informant in a New Jersey hotel room in Jan 2009, had his Fed charges dropped in exchange for a \$5 fine in state court. Prosecutors also have voided the guilty plea of Timothy "Casual" Flood, who pleaded to the Fed raffle charge in Jan. Flood received the \$5 fine deal in state court. 'They never should've been charged in the first place' Defense atty Tom Gillooly, whose client Sergio Cuevas spent his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday at South Central Regional Jail while he spent almost 5 months in custody awaiting trial, said the raffle charge was an example of Fed prosecutors overreaching. He also wondered why Fed prosecutors insisted on the "fig-leaf" of pleas to state misdemeanors. "A 5 dollar fine & court costs is laughable compared to a Fed felony," he said. "I was disappointed that the prosecution wasn't willing to step up & dismiss these charges, because they never should've been charged in the 1<sup>st</sup> place." Gillooly recognized that the indictment contains some serious allegations that deserve careful scrutiny from prosecutors & law enforcement. But he wondered whether the case needed to be so big. "I really am only familiar with count 11, but I question whether a mass indictment of 55 defendants was warranted," he said. The size of the case has tied up an incredible amount of Gov't resources within the Southern District of West Virginia, he said. "The most disturbing thing about this prosecution is what it shows about priorities being set in the U.S. atty's office," he said. "It's outrageous to me to have my tax dollars & your tax dollars going towards a case like this instead of environmental violations,

mine safety violations, terrorism, you name it." Cuevas was reluctant to take the deal because he has always maintained his innocence, Gillooly said. "This is a guy who, for better or worse, has made this motorcycle club a big part of his life," & to see the Gov't try to destroy it is very hard, he said. "The power of Fed prosecutors is awesome. And that's why it has to be exercised with extreme care & caution. Because when it isn't, it can do a lot of damage," he said. Assistant U.S. Atty Steve Loew, the lead prosecutor in the case, declined to comment, saying it was the policy of the U.S. Atty's Office not to comment on pending cases. Since the indictment was unsealed & 55 defendants were arrested in a multi-state sweep in Oct, the Pagan's case has seen extensive sparring between prosecutors & defense attorneys, particularly over the credibility & conduct of 2 informants used by the Govt. Defense attys maintain that one, a convicted murderer who has been paid close to \$200,000 since going onto the Govt's payroll in 2004, may have instigated & escalated crimes to bolster & protect his position with the Gov't. Prosecutors have acknowledged that another, who has a bipolar condition, bought & used drugs extensively during the investigation without permission from his government handlers. Laurie Levenson, a former Fed prosecutor who is now a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, said that setbacks, obstacles & plea deals are typical for big cases. "In big cases, you can end up with a big mess. That's one of the reasons to not necessarily charge the biggest case you can," she said. "Big cases come with big headaches." But all the pre-trial legal disputes & skirmishes may be a blessing in disguise for prosecutors, because they help narrow & focus the case, she said. Ultimately, they need to remain focused on the important parts of the case. "The defense lawyers are fighting their hardest now because it's going to be harder to fight in front of the jury," she said. "Defense attys play street hockey; prosecutors play chess."

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**Motorcycle Thefts Fall:** Motorcycle thefts in the US fell by 13% to 56,093 last year from 64,492 in 2008, the biggest drop since 2007 according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau in an Apr 13<sup>th</sup> statement. Honda was the most stolen brand accounting for 24% of the thefts, followed by Yamaha, Suzuki, Kawasaki & H-D, said the NICB citing National Crime Information Center data. The recession prompted lower bike sales & a decrease in production, pushing motorcycle thefts down for a 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year. Sales of new bikes fell 43% in 2009 from the year-earlier period, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council. Likewise, the Japanese Automobile Manufacturers Association reported a 47.4% decrease in motorcycle production last year. Recovery rates have declined along with thefts, with only 30% of the stolen bikes recovered in 2009, compared with 41% in 2006, NICB data show. The top 5 states for motorcycle theft were warm-weather ones: CA, TX, FL, NC & GA, together accounting for 39% of the total. It should be no surprise that the summer months of July (6,319); Aug (6,079); & June (5,672) saw the most theft activity while the fewest thefts were recorded during the winter months of Dec (2,927); Feb (3,100); & Jan (3,570). The best way to prevent theft is to keep your motorcycle out of sight or covered up & secured to an immovable object with a good through-the-frame lock in addition to the steering lock.

**Maine Requires Motorcycles to Display Inspection Stickers:** Maine Governor John Baldacci on April 9, 2010 signed LD 1675 into law, requiring the state's 50,000 registered motorcycles to carry inspection stickers that are "completely & clearly visible from the rear" starting in 2012. A bill that started in the state

legislature as a broadly worded bill to quiet noisy motorcycles evolved into a measure requiring riders to display inspection stickers when Maine's Transportation Committee concluded that 38% of Maine motorcycles aren't inspected, noting faulty & noisy motorcycle mufflers would fail annual inspections. The bill also sets up a task force to explore other methods of reducing motorcycle noise, including sound testing, & report to the Transportation Committee by Jan 15, 2011. LD1675 passed the Maine House by a vote of 104-33 on March 22. The Senate passed it April 5, with no tally released.

**Motorcycle Safety Bill Passes in Oklahoma:** "Gunner's Bill" has been signed into law by Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry, providing for the state's 1<sup>st</sup> comprehensive motorcycle safety program. HB 2264, authored by state Rep. Mike Christian & state Sen. Steve Russell, allows the state to add a \$3 fee, designated for motorcycle safety & education, to the existing cost of registering a motorcycle. It also establishes a revolving fund into which the money is to be deposited. Rep. Christian said the legislative action was necessary because motorcycle registrations continue to increase in Oklahoma; therefore, without training & prevention efforts, vehicle crashes involving motorcycles are likely to increase. According to the Oklahoma Tax Commission, there were 115,381 registered motorcyclists in the state in 2008, a 14.3% increase over 2007. Motorcycle fatalities increased 17.6% during the same period, & injuries increased 21.4%. HB 2264 is known as "Gunner's Bill" in honor of Robert "Gunner" Catcher, a motorcyclist who died after being struck by a pickup in 2009. The driver of the truck said he did not see Gunner. "I heartily salute each & every one of ABATE of Oklahoma's & the OK COCs volunteer officers & members, & look forward to our continued success working together in the spirit of unity to make Oklahoma the best state in which to ride," said Tiger Mike Revere of ABATE of OK & a member of the Board of Directors of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists. Also signed into law was SB 1670 - a bill that changes the makeup of the Oklahoma Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee. "So, not only will we generate about \$400,000 each year but we will also have a substantial say in how it is spent," commented John Pierce, ABATE Legislative Coordinator.

#### **Wyoming Bikers Work with City to Promote Motorcycle**

**Awareness:** The Casper City Council voted unanimously to pay for motorcycle-safety billboards in the coming months, with Wyoming ABATE picking up the campaign halfway through the riding season. The council approved \$5,400 in grant money to pay for 4 billboards from April through July, when Wyoming ABATE would begin paying for the billboards with its own message to run through Oct. The push for motorcycle awareness stems from 2 high-profile accidents involving motorcyclists last summer, including an ABATE member who was killed by a left-turning Hummer. The accidents prompted Wyoming ABATE to meet with city officials & hash out a plan to increase awareness of motorcycles among drivers.

**Michigan Helmet Law Repeal Repeat?** Once again, Michigan legislators are moving to repeal the state's 40 year old mandatory helmet law, but their governor threatens veto action. ABATE of Michigan & the Michigan Confederation of Clubs continues to hold sway in the Legislature using arguments that include personal freedom & economic impact. The Democratic governor leaves office next year & is not seeking reelection.

**Motorcycle Advisory Council:** The MAC-FHWA coordinates & advises the Secretary of the Dept of Transportation on infrastructure issues of concern to motorcycle riders, & is comprised of ten members of the motorcycling community with professional expertise in national motorcyclist safety advocacy. James "Doc" Reichenbach II, State Pres of ABATE of Florida &

Chairman of the Board of the NCOM serves on the MAC as 1 of 2 members representing state motorcyclists' organizations.

**Antilock Brakes-Motorcycles Safer:** With motorcycle ownership skyrocketing from 4.3 million to 10.4 million over the past decade, & a corresponding increase in rider deaths & injuries, 2 new studies have found that equipping motorcycles with antilock brakes makes them much safer. The studies, one by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety & the other by the Highway Loss Data Institute, found that bikes with antilock brakes are involved in 37% fewer fatal accidents per 10,000 registered vehicles & reported 22% fewer accident damage claims per insured vehicle year. Stopping a motorcycle is trickier than stopping a car. For one thing, the front & rear wheels typically have separate brake controls. In an emergency, a rider faces a split-second choice to either brake hard, which can lock the wheels & cause an overturn, or hold back on braking & risk running into the emergency. This is when antilock brakes can help by reducing brake pressure when they detect impending lockup & then increasing the pressure again when traction is restored. Brake pressure is evaluated multiple times per second, so riders may brake fully without fear of locking up. Until lately, such crash avoidance technology as antilock brakes has primarily been available only on larger, more expensive motorcycles, but they are now available on 60 new models. The NHTSA is considering whether or not antilock brakes should be mandatory on motorcycles.

**Outlaw Biker 101:** Law enforcement officers from across the country gather each year at a heavily guarded secret location for annual training on "combating biker gangs": As quoted directly from promotional material for the course: "Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigations: From the Inside - Combating Biker Gangs, from the International Association of Undercover Officers: A 5 day 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 OMGs throughout the USA. 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." As one of America's foremost authorities on biker discrimination, Minnesota Aid to Injured Motorcyclists attorney Steven O'Brien, who also serves as legal counsel to the Confederation of Clubs of Minnesota & ABATE of Minnesota, applied for the course last year but was denied admittance with the written admonishment that he would be better suited to attend the NCOM Convention. O'Brien was instrumental in getting the nation's 1<sup>st</sup> & only biker anti-discrimination law on the books in Minnesota, & then was successful in getting the new law upheld by the courts when an ABATE member was denied service at a bar.

**For like-minded bikers** concerned with preserving Freedom of the Road, the Silver 25th Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 6-9, 2010 at the Orlando Airport Marriott, 7499 Augusta Nat'l Dr., Orlando, Florida. Reserve your place in history now by calling the National Coalition of Motorcyclists.

#### **U.S. Defenders:**

- If we all do a little bit, Then no one has to do a lot...
- There can be no "I", there has to be "We"...
- One heart, One Voice...