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OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANGS

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OUTEAN? MOTODOYGLE CALICO

Now before we begin, you should realize that the American Motorcycle Association has stated that less than 1% of American motorcyclists belong to a outlaw motorcycle gang. Outlaw bikers are proud of that distinction and will often have a patch that reads "1%er". Most motorcyclists are hard working professional and blue collar workers.



OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANGS



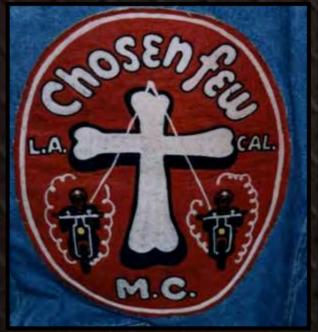
- Approximately 400 Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs are currently active in the United States. These gangs range in level of criminal sophistication from groups of thugs to well organized criminal networks.
- As of 2008, there are approximately 60 active outlaw motorcycle gangs in California with a combined membership of about 2000 members.
- In Los Angeles County, numerous OMG's have set up residence in order of size are; Hell's Angels, Mongols, Vagos, Hessians, Choosen Few, Diablos, Devil's Disciples, Devil's Henchmen, Vigilantes, and Sundowners.

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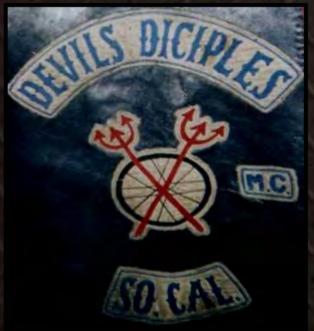


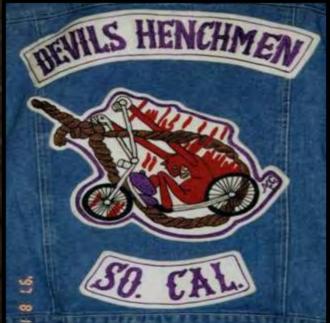


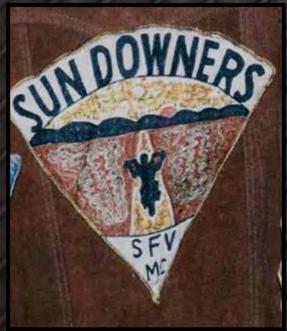


LA County Gangs (Continued)









Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club



Motto" "Three people will keep a secret if two are dead"







- Originated in San Bernardino in 1948 as the "Pissed Off Bastards of Bloomington" (POBOB)
- Created by group of returning WWII veterans
- San Bernardino was first chapter (lead by Otto Friedli) and the center of HAMC until late 1950's
- 1958, Sonny Barger assumes leadership and moves mother chapter to Oakland



Legacy begins after World War II







The club got it's name from a WWII Bomber Squadron called the "Hell's Angels", who took the name from the original 1930 Howard Hughes movie.







Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club







- The Hell's Angels are the largest Outlaw Motorcycle Gang in the world. As of 2008, they are believed to have approximately 200 chapters worldwide with about 3000 members in 27 countries.
- FBI believes that they may take in up to one billion dollars a year in illegal drug sales, mostly from methamphetamines.
- Mother chapter in Oakland, California.
- At war with just about everyone, especially the Mongols, Outlaws, Pagans, and Sons of Silence.





STRUCTURE

- 200 Chapters
- HAMC has become a international criminal organization
- Chapters have autonomy regarding member discipline and minor policy changes
- Membership rules are outlined in by-laws



Hell's Angels at Folsom State Prison





MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS



- White, Hispanic or Asian male
- Over 21 years of age
- Own and ride Harley Davidson over 1200cc
- Sponsored by a full member as a hang-around
 - performs errands for club members
- Then made a prospect
 - can wear jacket with bottom rocker
- Complete a probationary period
 - commonly 6 months to 1 year







MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Pay club dues
- Attend mandatory chapter meetings
 - called "Church"
 - at least monthly
- Inducted by unanimous vote of chapter
- Once a member in good standing, (usually five years of good service) may obtain permission to move to another part of the country and/or become a "Nomad" if there is no chapter nearby. Nomads do not have to attend monthly "church".
- Members caught using the needle will be kicked out of the club







MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS - PROSPECTS

- Probationary members (Prospects) are ordered to use illegal narcotics and to commit felony crimes, up to and including murder to ensure the probationer is not a cop and to prove his loyalty to the club.
- Probos are subject to lie detector testing and extensive background checks by a private investigator.
- Members must complete applications with extensive background and family information.
- Probationary members will have only the club's location patch on there back.





MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS - FEMALES

- Females cannot become members of the club.
- They are often called "Mamas" or "Sheep" and are considered property of the club to be shared by all. An exception to the property classification is made for wife's and girlfriends (Old Ladies) of individual members.
- Many clubs will allow the females to wear a club patch with the words "Property of" underneath it.
- Many work as prostitutes or in strip bars and hustle drugs for the gang.
- They will hold weapons and drugs for the gang on bike runs.







CHAPTER OFFICERS

President

- often chapter founder
- is either elected or self-imposed

Vice President

- chosen by chapter members
- Secretary/Treasurer
 - Responsible for clubs money
 - Collects club dues
- Sergeant-at-Arms
 - Club enforcer
 - Reports directly to President







CHAPTER POSITIONS

Road Captain

- Chief of security for club runs
- Maps out routes
- Arranges refueling & food stops
- Carries club money for run

Associates or Honorary Members

- Individuals who are a value to the club
- Professional people like attorneys, bail bondsmen, & motorcycle chop owners
- Do not have voting status or wear colors







CHAPTER RANK AND FILE

Member

full patch holder in good standing

Prospect

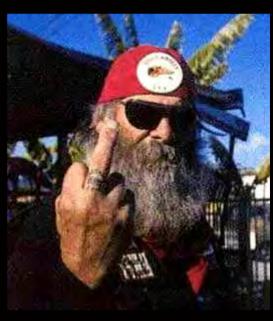
- prospective member
- can wear bottom and side rocker only

Hang-around

Invited by member to visit clubhouse

Associate

 do not necessarily want membership but the relationship commonly benefits the gang







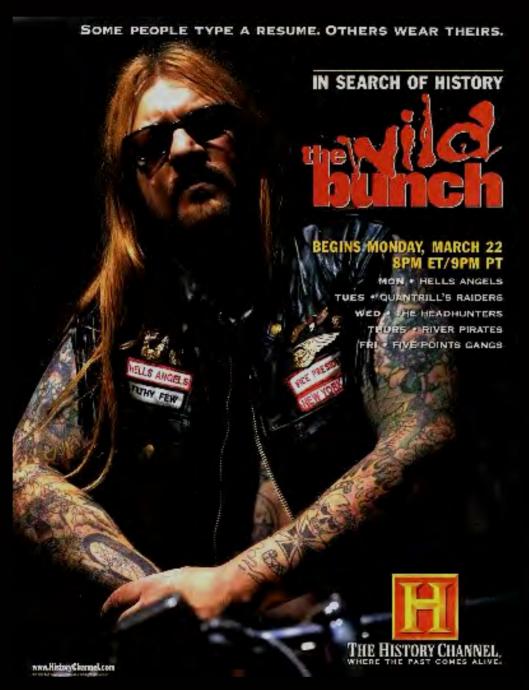
NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- East COM and West COM
- Democratic style meeting
- Executive Committee oversees meeting
 - president, vice president, secretary & treasurer
- Each chapter chooses a representative
- The neighboring coast is also represented
- USA Run
 - all chapter presidents/officers are required to attend to vote on issues that affect the club as a whole











There are hundreds of books, movies, and television documentaries about the Hell's Angels. They have even patented there trademark "Deathhead" or as they call it "Stinger"logo



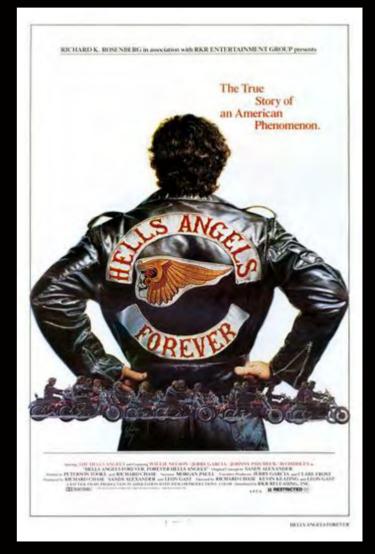
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Hell's Angeles Calendar



Hell's Angels Racing Team

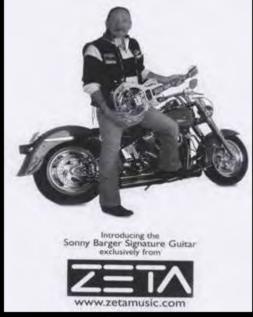
Hell's Angels Merchandizing



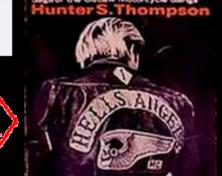
Hell's Angels Forever – The Movie















Strange Life

"Big Red Machine" is a brand of motorcycle accessories marketed by the Hell's Angels. They also associate with the number "81" and the Red & White Colors. "81" being the eighth and first letters of the alphabet which are "H" & "A"

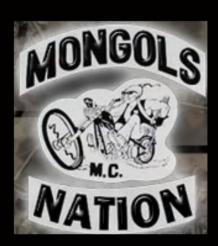


Bandidos Calendar & Keychain

OMG Merchandizing

Most major outlaw motorcycle clubs merchandize there logo often with symbols claming "Support your local..."







Bandidos, Mongols, and Outlaw Bumper stickers

Enforcers







"DEQUIALLO" patch is claimed to have been earned by HAMC members who have reacted/responded violently toward law enforcement personnel.

- Most of the larger outlaw motorcycle gangs have there own enforcer squads which are guided by a code of terror.
- They strive to maintain their reputation as outlaws by instilling fear to gain respect.
- Gangs keep members in line and eliminate the opposition with their enforcer squads.
- The Hell's Angels have their "Filthy Few" enforcer squad, The Outlaw's Motorcycle Club has their "SS", the Pagan's have there Black T-Shirt Squad, and the Bandidos have their Nomad Chapter.

Popular patches found on outlaw biker vests include:



= Angels Forever Forever Angels

Each gang will insert there name in this pattern, i.e. V.F.F.V = Vagos Forever Forever Vagos



= The wearer considers himself to be part of the 1% of motorcyclists who are members of an outlaw motorcycle gang.



= Upside down Law Enforcement Badge or Patch alleges it was taken from an officer by force.



Popular Patches found on Outlaw Biker Vests Include:

(All wing must be witnessed)





Blue Wings means wearer had oral sex with a cop



Brown Wings means wearer had oral sex on a woman's anus



Red Wings means wearer had oral sex while female was menstruating



Purple Wings means wearer had oral sex with a female corpse



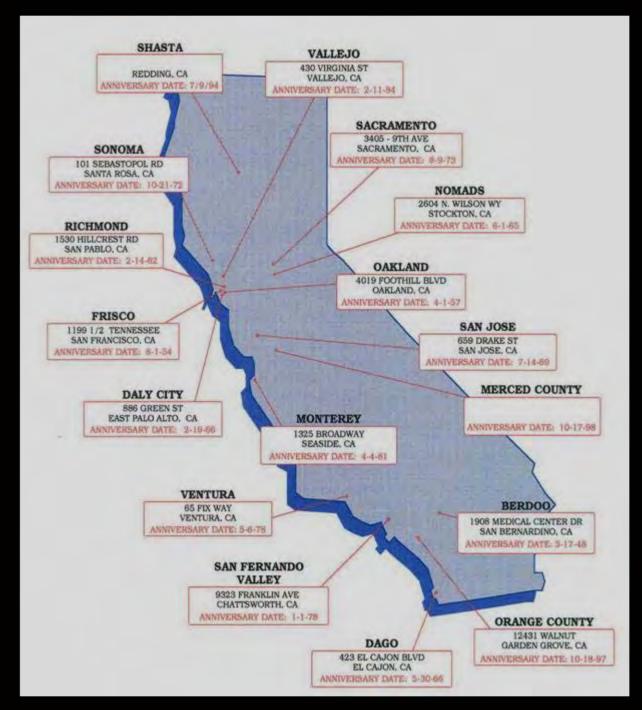
Green Wings means the wearer had oral sex with a woman who has a venereal disease



Gold Wings means wearer performed sexual relations with a woman during a gang rape involving 15 or more persons

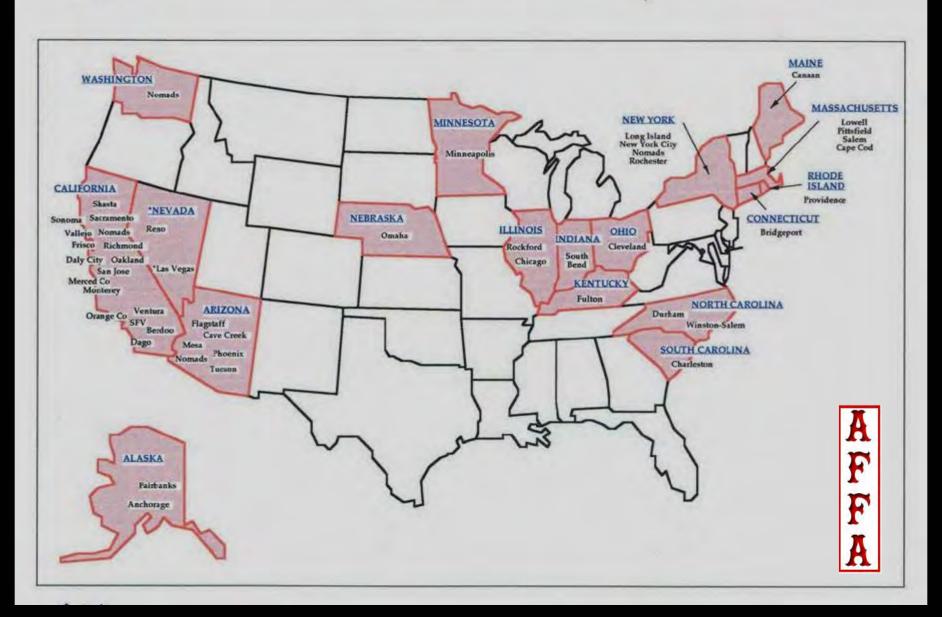
Chapter Locations of the HA clubhouses in California







HELLS ANGELS - UNITED STATES





HELLS ANGELS INTERNATIONAL













FINANCES

- The Hells Angels have set up the "Church of Angels" to provide a tax shelter.
- They also launder money thru legitimate business such as security work, tattoo shops, pawn shops, motorcycle shops, strip clubs, limousine services, and hazardous waste disposal.



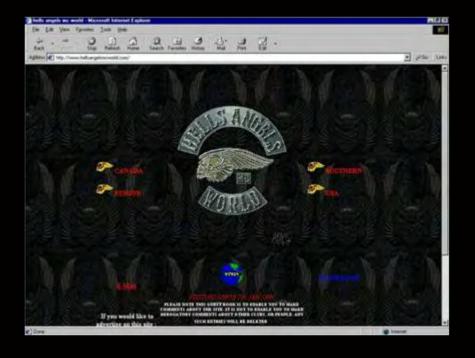




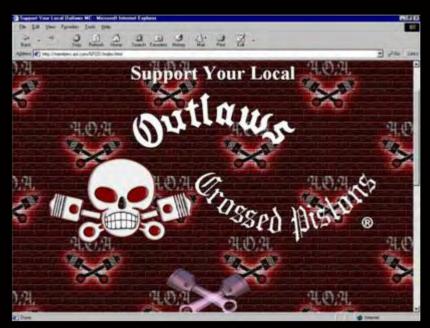
OMG TRENDS

- OMG's are becoming more technologically up to date through the use of computers & internet.
- Foreign OMG members are required to learn english within one year.
- Emphasis is being placed on an upgraded image, cleaning up appearances and charitable activities.
- Widespread recruitment, takeovers of other OMG's (patch over) and obtain more "puppet clubs".
- The use of mail to ship narcotics. Also, dissolving precursor ingredients (ephedrine) for methamphetamine production in ice chest coolers to look like melted ice to disguise for transport to a clandestine lab.
- Manufacture of meth/marijuana at remote sites, islands, anchored ships, vehicles, etc.
- Use of audiovisual equipment to record contacts with law enforcement.
- Involvement in hazardous waste industry to transport and obtain regulated chemicals.
- Expansion of traditional HAMC drug sources.
- Filing civil right lawsuits to harass law enforcement.

Various Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs have there own Public Relations Web Sites



www.hellsangelsmcworld.com



Http://members.aol.com/GFOD/index.html



www.bandidos.dk



Popular Biker Terms



22 = A member who has done prison time

Bible = Harley Davidson motorcycle manual..used for weddings

Back Pack = Full colors tattooed on a member's back

D.F.F.L. = Dope forever forever loaded

Hog = A Harley Davidson Motorcycle

Horse or Sled = Motorcycle

Jap Crap or Rice Burner = A Japanese made motorcycle

Mama or Sheep = A female that is sexual available to all club members

Po Go Stick = Automatic Machine Gun

Probate = A person who rides with the club during their probationary

Prospect = A prospective member

Pull a train = A female having sexual intercourse with several club

Radio = To shut up

Scoop = Someone who has lied

Sissy Bar = Bars that form a backrest behind a motorcycle seat

Skuller = Fellatio

Snuff = To kill a person

Suck to the bulls = Member talks or acts friendly to police

War Wagon = Vehicle carrying club's arsenal during a outing

OFFICER SAFETY ISSUES



- ✓ Gangs are well organized
- ✓ Actively conduct counter surveillance operations
- Corruption of public officials
- Confrontational towards law enforcement
- ✓ Use law enforcement staff as intelligence sources
- Specialize in improvised weapons and explosives





Dip Stick Knifes



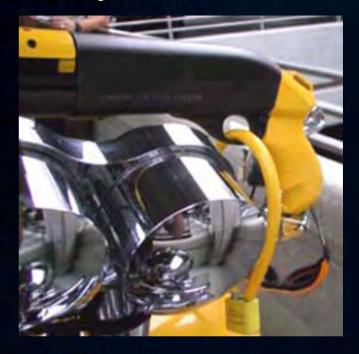
NOTE: Dipsticks on all Harley Davidson models are located on the right side.



Law enforcement officers should be aware of a Dip Stick knife that is being sold legally for around \$80 at local motorcycle shops. It's called The Outlaw and is used as an engine oil dipstick for various **Harley Davidson** models.

Shotgun Mounted to Motorcycle Bars



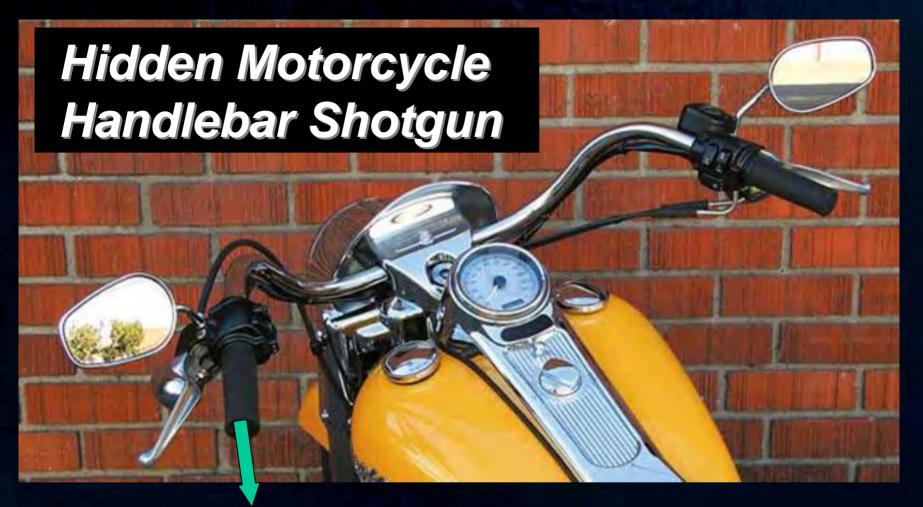


A ranger patrolling the Mount Rushmore area of South Dakota spotted this motorcycle parked with a Remington 870 Express 12-gauge shotgun mounted across the handle bars. The motorcycle was unoccupied at the time. The weapon was functional, and painted to match the motorcycle. The shotgun was unloaded and had been custom mounted to the handlebars. The weapon was secured with a padlock device through the trigger mechanism. If the weapon had been loaded with a round in the chamber, the only manipulation required to fire it would be to pull the trigger. Laws concerning firearms vary state to state. In most states this would be considered a legal way to "transport" a firearm (Unloaded and in plain view).

Hidden Tire Gauge Gun



This spring loaded single shot .22 caliber weapon comes disguised as normal looking tire gauge. To fire the weapon the threaded top needs to be removed and the cartridge dropped in. The spring loaded top is then pulled back and let go, driving the rim-fire firing pin into the cartridge. The only real indication this is not a tire gauge is the absence of the plastic measuring device. The suspect who had this weapon claimed to have purchased it from a member of the Hell's Angels.



In August 2002, a New Jersey Patrol Officer detained a Pagan OMG member for a vehicle infraction. During a inspection of his motorcycle it was discovered that the left handlebar (clutch) grip had been modified to fire a .410 shotgun round. The handlebar had been modified with a spring loaded lever to fire the round. This is why you should always approach a motorcyclist on his right side. The right hand grip contains a movable throttle which is much more difficult to modify.

Hidden Firearm in Tool Box

Here is a toolbox that is specifically designed to conceal a weapon on the left free hand side of the bike. This accessory can be purchased over the internet.



Ordinary Items

Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members will also readily carry ordinary items that they are pre-prepared to use as a weapon.



Hammers



Screwdrivers



Rings



Handlebar Knife



Knife – Pocket Carry



Knife – Belt Sheath

Hidden Firearm in Seat

A simple, yet effective way to conceal a firearm is in the motorcycle seat. The rider simply removes the stitches surrounding the front of the motorcycle seat. Once the leather covering is removed the rider hollows out the front portion of the foam padding. A semi-automatic pistol such as a Glock 40 Cal is placed in the hollowed out area. The leather seat covering is then pulled back over the foam padding and affixed with Velcro. In this example, the recessed area was covered up after use.







The Cracker

Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members are incorporating a new type of improvised weapon they call the "cracker." They suspend a nylon whip with metal attachment from their handlebar. These "crackers" can be quickly be accessed by the rider an swung as a weapon like a ball n' chain.





Handgun in Gloves

Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members are very clever at how they hide their weapons. At a motorcycle event in Wisconsin, a OMG member was found to possess a small .22 caliber five shot revolver in his riding gloves. Using this technique, the gun could be fired while the rider looked like they were simply putting their gloves on or off.





Radio Jammer

In October 2008, Police in Canada conducted a traffic stop of a Hell's Angel Member. During the stop, they noticed they were unable to communicate with there portable radios. During the stop, officer's discovered a "radio jammer" on the vehicle that the rider claimed to have purchased on E-bay and was designed to block cellular radio waves within a 30 foot range. The device was seized using grounds of obstruct police and safety reasons. Please use caution if you encounter such a device and bear in mind that by moving away from the device and/or vehicle, you will be able to use your radio.



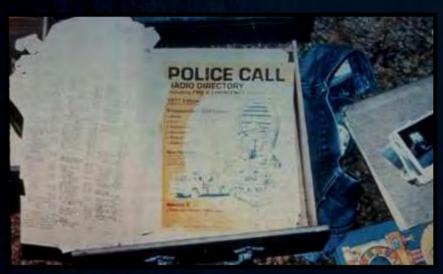
OMG TACTICS



Clubhouse video surveillance



Video Camera at Sheriff Traffic Stops



Police Radio Codes at the ready



DMV Check by Hell's Angels Associate



Suburban "Safe Houses"



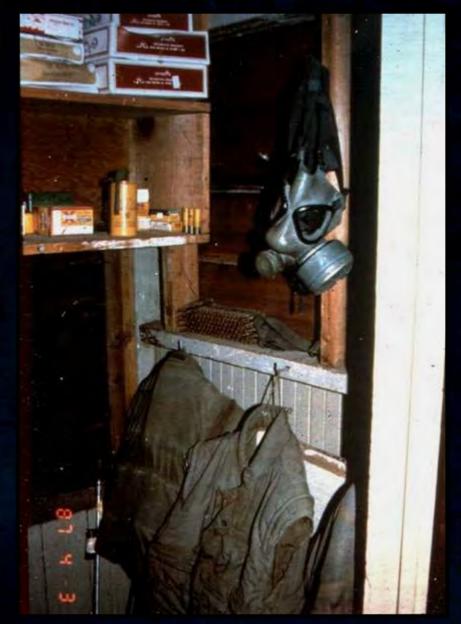
Large cash of automatic weapons



Grenades in hidden spaces



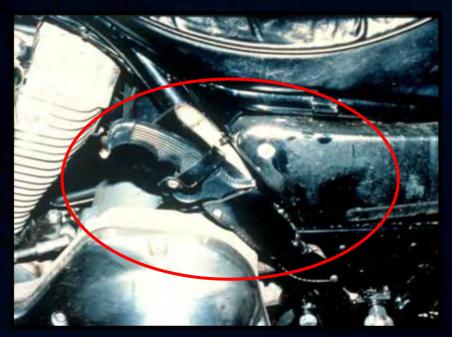
Rocket Launcher under bed



Ammo, bullet proof vests, and Gas Masks at the ready in clubhouse



.22 cal Derringer sewn into hidden vest pocket



Knife attached in engine frame



What not to do with a OMG Run behind you....



Biker Runs

- Done on special outings, such as club meetings, holidays, weddings, and funerals.
- The Chapter's President and Club's Road Captain always ride in front. Distinguished guests will ride directly behind them.
- Club members ride next followed by probationary members and finally associates.
- At the very end of the formation will be a "crash truck" with spare gas, parts, and space to pick-up any broken down bikes.
- Runs will often employ a scout vehicle to warn of roadblocks.

Biker Run - Traffic Stop Precautions

- Never let a biker out of your sight.
- Always be in command. Be firm, but respectful.
- Make the biker's stay with their bikes.
- Do not approach with your weapon drawn unnecessarily.
- Do not touch there patch or colors unnecessarily.
- Do not separate there women out of view unnecessarily.
- If an arrest is going to be made, try to ask for the support of the club president.



Traffic Stop Precautions (Continued)







- Realize that they may try to video tape all your actions.
- Do a through search of their person & bike as warranted by probable cause.
- Bikers have been known to stash weapons within there engines, on their old ladies, inside their boots, and sewn inside hidden pockets in their vests.
- Watch out for needles, razor blades, and fish hooks in their clothing seams during your pat down search.
- Check the left handlebar to see if it has been modified to fire a single shotgun shell.

Traffic Stop Precautions (Continued)

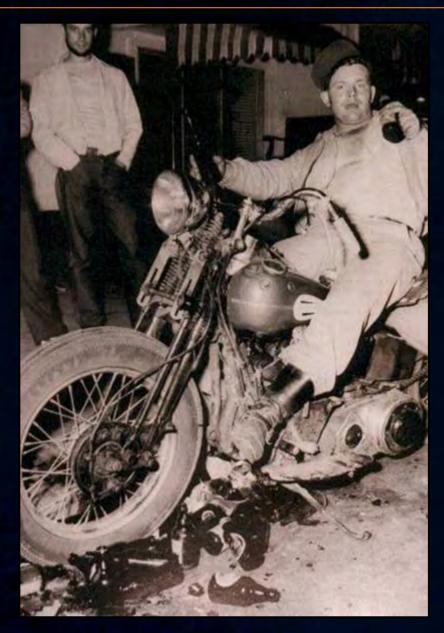






- Do not let the general public stop and gawk.
- Check VIN numbers and do warrant checks.
- Use K-9's if available for narcotic searches.
- Note any phone numbers or bail bond cards found.
- Take good notes of patches, crests, and tattoos you observed and any other intelligence you pickup and forward the information to your department's gang or outlaw biker unit.
- Outlaw Biker Gangs have little respect for Law Enforcement Officers, and they have no respect for female Law Enforcement Officers.
- Work the gang members in small groups, don't allow yourself to be rushed.
- In summary, be firm, fair, and respectful.

Biker Identification?



Identification - Is he an "Outlaw" Biker?

Most Outlaw Biker Gangs have a "Three Piece Patch", also called a "Rocker" or referred to as one's "Colors"

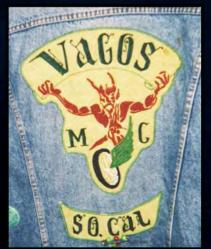






If a "1%" patch is present, the guy's an outlaw biker

Some Outlaw Biker Gangs have a two or one piece patch







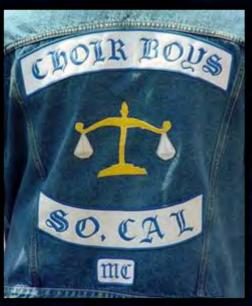
There are exceptions

- some non-outlaw clubs have a 3 piece patch.

Examples of Law Enforcement Motorcycle Clubs (LEMC)



Law Enforcement Motorcycle Association (LEMA)



Choir Boys



Wild Pigs



Wind & Fire (Firefighters)

Many types of Law Enforcement and military only motorcycle clubs exists throughout the United States and the world. Many Firemen are also getting in on the act. There is a Firemen only motorcycle club called "Wind & Fire".

OMG - LEMC Relations

 Violent events between an OMG and LEMC are not all that infrequent. In most cases, the violence that occurred was the consequence of the LEMC wearing colors.



- OMG's are obsessively territorial of their colors, especially the bottom rocker or patch that identifies the geographic area claimed by the OMG.
- OMG's will staunchly defend their territorial claims with violent aggression, in areas or regions they consider their turf.
- OMG's will scrutinize any motorcycle club they come in contact with including LEMC's, especially if they are wearing a three piece rocker with the bottom rocker claiming turf controlled by the OMG.



OMG - LEMC Relations

- In August 2008, a Seattle based Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club called the "Iron Pigs" got in a bar room confrontation with the Hell's Angels OMG at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota. The incident stemmed over the Iron Pig member wearing a "Washington" bottom rocker patch that the Hell's Angels claim as their turf. The incident resulted in a confrontation with one of the Hell's Angels members being gunned down.
- During that same event in Sturgis, three members of another LEMC were seriously assaulted by OMG members because of the colors they were wearing. Despite their injuries, the LEMC members refused to prosecute.







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Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club

Although not a Outlaw Motorcycle Gang, The Vietnam Vets probably have the largest Motorcycle Club in the United States. They have chapters in every state and overall membership is in the thousands.









Drug Trends

- Drug trafficking is a primary source of revenue for most OMGs.
- Methamphetamine and marijuana are there drugs of choice.
- Members smuggle drugs into the United States from Mexico & Canada and they produce, transport, and distribute the drugs within the United States.
- The bigger OMG Clubs have puppet clubs that are subservient to the larger clubs and will deal, transport, & traffic drugs at the direction of the larger OMGs.
- Mexican criminal groups increasingly have taken control of producing and distributing methamphetamine domestically, as well as smuggling the drug and its precursors into the United States.
- Canada is becoming a bigger supplier of precursor chemicals for domestically produced methamphetamine and marijuana.



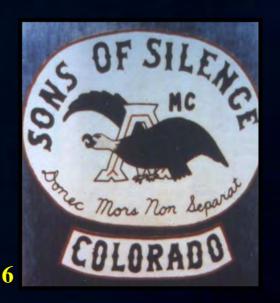




THE SIX LARGEST OUTLAW BIKER GANGS







Bandidos

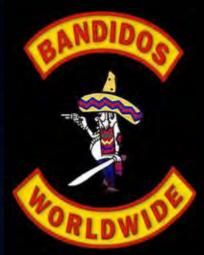
"We are the people that our parents warned us about"



- Second largest Outlaw Motorcycle Gang with about 160 chapters and 3000 members in 24 countries.
- Occupy territories near the Gulf Coast
- Mother chapter in San Antonio, Texas
- Least sophisticated, considered a bunch of thugs
- At war with the Pagans and Hell's Angels
- Aligned with the Outlaws, and Mongols









Outlaw's







"God forgives; Outlaw's don't"

- Third largest Motorcycle Gang with about 140 chapters and about 1200 members in 11 countries.
- Has chapters in Australia, Canada, and Europe
- Mother chapter in Detroit, MI
- At war with the Hell's Angels, Pagans, and Sons of Silence
- Aligned with the Bandidos, Mongols, and Choosen Few

Outlaw's











Pagan's





- Fourth largest Outlaw Biker Gang with about 40 chapters and 700 members in four states.
- There primary area of operations is the North Eastern United States, specifically the states of Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania.
- The Pagans are more nomadic than most clubs and do not have a fixed mother chapter.
- The Pagans' propensity for violence and their proximity to mob turf earns the club the best connections to traditional organized crime.
- At war with the Hell's Angels, Bandidos, and Outlaw's.





Mongol's

"Respect few, fear none"



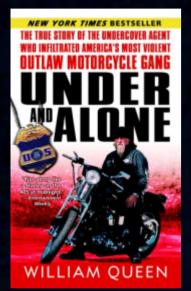


- Fifth largest Outlaw Biker Gang with 27 Chapters and about 600 members in four states and Mexico
- Most up and coming gang. Excepts just about anyone, even members as young as eighteen.
 Actively recruiting LA Street gang members to fill there ranks. Reputation for having the least allegiance to their gang.
- Approximately 90% of members are Hispanic
- Mother Chapter is in Montebello, California
- At war with the Hell's Angels & Mexican Mafia
- Aligned with Bandidos, Outlaws, and Pagans









Bill's got an excellent book about his time undercover

Biker Gang Missed Signs of an Agent in Its Midst

■ Crime: An undercover operative compiled evidence against the Mongols, out of East L.A., who will be in federal court next month.

By JEFFREY GETTLEMAN TIMES STAFF WRITER

He said his name was Billy, Billy St. John, and he dealt meth, and handled machine guns and teetered in dark, violent bars, pulling at bottled beer and winning the trust of men he would later betray in the name of the law.

He said he wanted to join the Mongols, an East L.A. motorcycle gang that was desperate for new members. With a Willie Nelson beard and a face mapped with wrinkles, Billy looked the part.

Rocky, Panhead, Silent, Conan—men with names that implied explosive violence—had no idea they were about to be duped by a supremely elaborate undercover disguise. The federal government had gone to great lengths to make sure the bikers would never suspect what awaits them in federal court next month: Billy on the witness stand, Mongols at the defense table, the prospect of long sentences for murder, drug dealing and other charges

hanging over them.

"Yeah, looking back at it, there were little things he did like leaving bars too early and wearing long-sleeve shirts in summer that now seem like giveaways," said J.R. MacDonald, a 250-pound Mongol nicknamed "Hoss," who is charged with dealing in stolen motorcycles. "But at the time, he was just Billy. He rode with us. He partied with us. He was our treasurer. Nobody ever thought twice about it."

Two and a half years ago, Billy, whose name is really William Queen, a special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, swung a booted leg over his Harley Softtail and roared off on a journey destined to become an undercover legend. He swaggered into one biker bar after another from the San Fernando Valley to Daytona Beach, Fla., lingered in Harley shops and tattoo parlors and apartments stashed with methamphetamines and cocaine, climbed straight up the ladder of Mongoldom from "hang around" to "prospect" to full patch member and then finally, somehow, to the organization's inner



ATF agent William Queen infiltrated Mongol motorcycle gang and stayed two years.

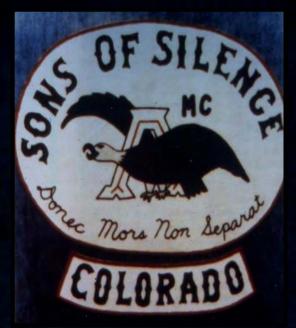
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"The Mongols are some of the more hard-core bikers around," said James Pollock, a San Fernando Police Department detective who has investigated motorcycle

Please see MONGOLS, B5

In the fall of 2000, ATF William Queen competed a two year undercover investigation that resulted in over dozens of arrests and broke the Mongol's back.

Sons of Silence



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- Sixth largest Outlaw Biker Gang with about 350 members in seven states and a chapter in Germany
- Based out of the state of Colorado
- Mother Chapter is in Denver
- At war with the Hell's Angels and Outlaws





Vago's



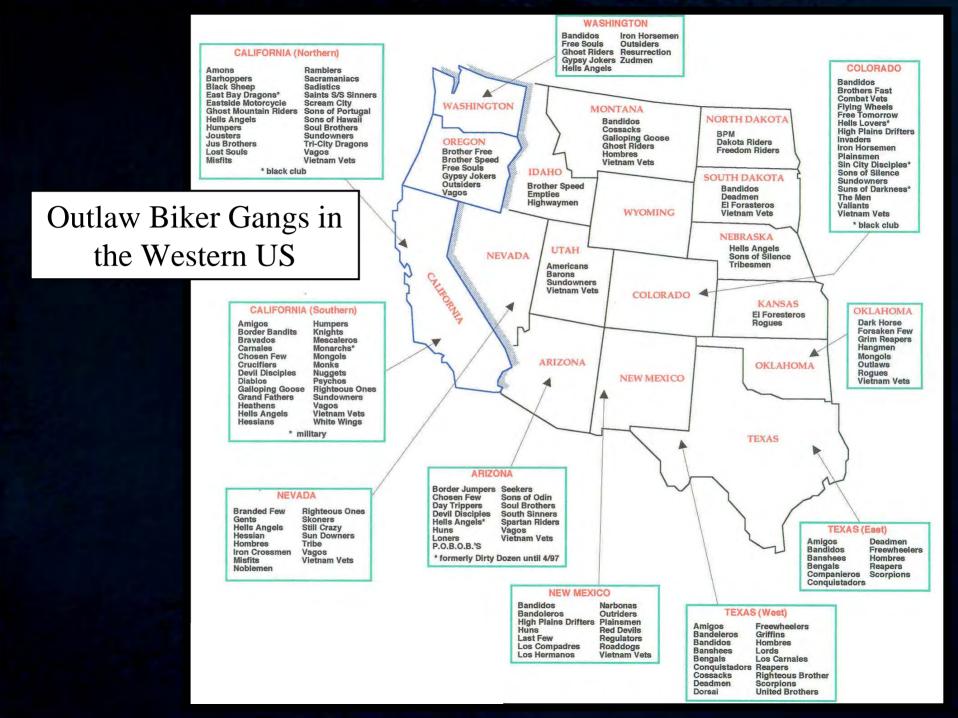


- Although not one of the big six, the Vago's are one of the largest gangs in Southern California with about 300 members.
- Formed in the 1960's in San Bernardino. The term "vagos" comes from the spanish language meaning "traveling gypsy".
- Have chapter's in Southern California, Mexico, and New Zealand. Mother chapter is in Mira Loma, Ca.
- At war with the Hell's Angels
- Have the color green as their main club color.
 Green is considered a bad luck color amongst bikers. (represents the green grass on the ground)



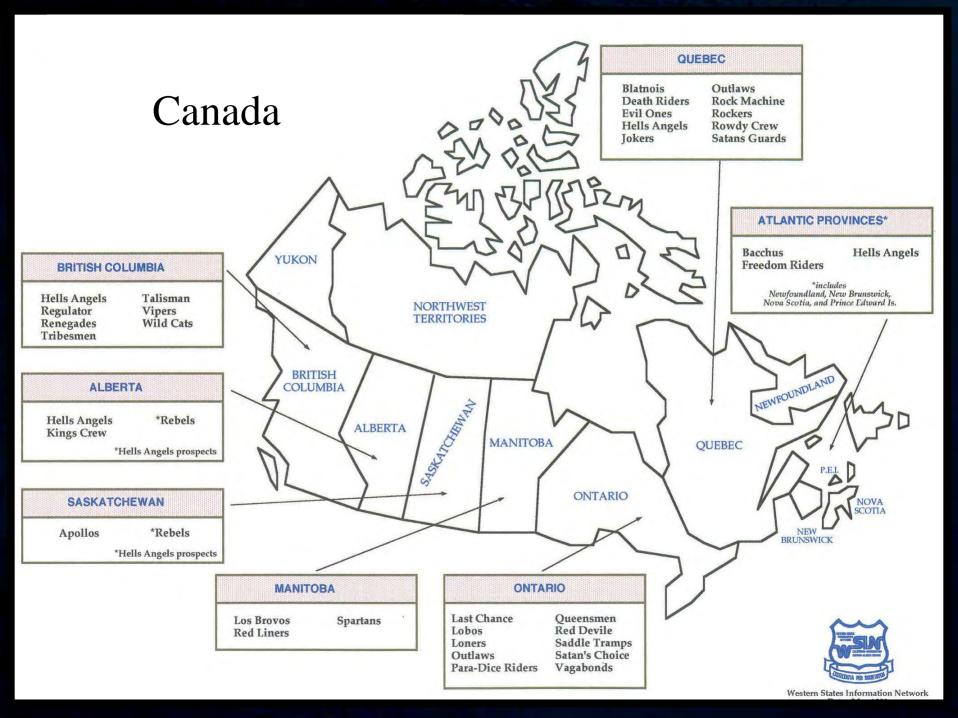


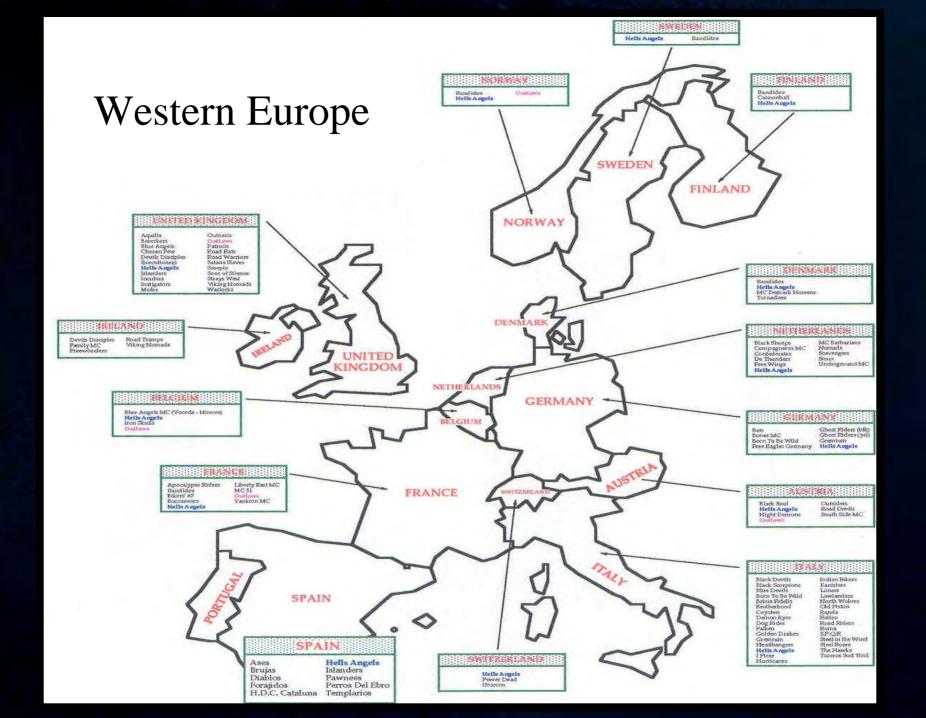


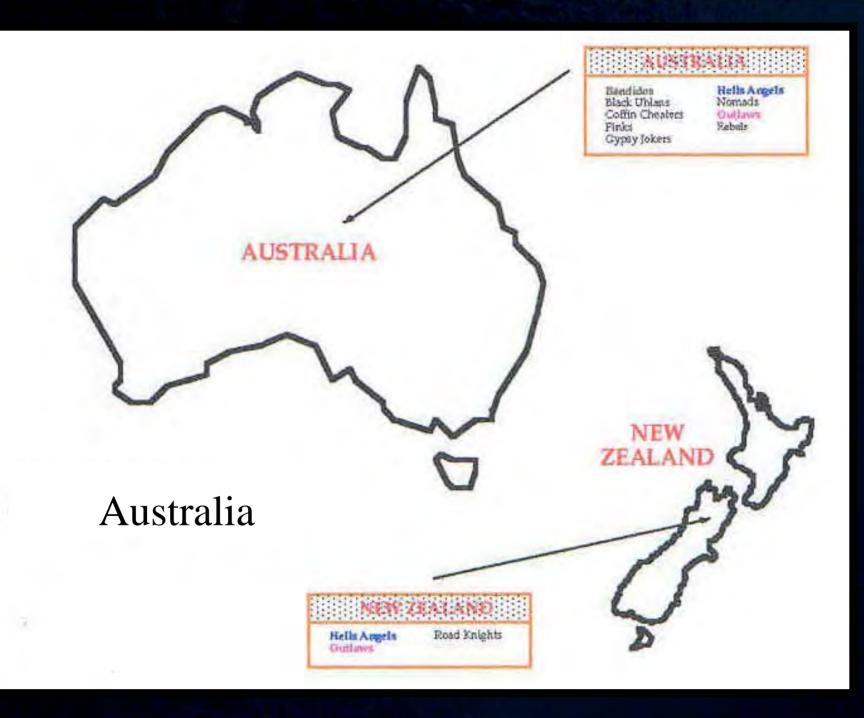


Outlaw Biker Gangs in the Eastern US











LAUGHLIN RIVER RUN

APRIL 2002



After a solo Hells Angel is gunned down en route to the Laughlin River Run, the Hell's Angels who are staying at the Flamingo Hotel regroup and ride over to Harrah's Casino to confront the Mongols Motorcycle Gang. At 2AM on Saturday the 20th of April 2002, a gun fight breaks out between the Mongols and Angels. When it is over, two Hells and one Mongol are dead and over a dozen other bikers are wounded.

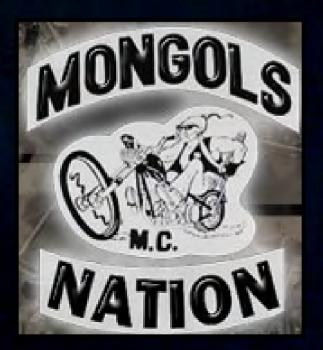






LAUGHLIN RIVER RUN

In preparation for the April 2003 Laughlin River Run, the following paid advertisement appeared in the March 2003 edition of Hot Bike Magazine.



The Mongols Motorcycle Club deeply regrets the incident at Harrah's Casino. We do, however, believe in our right to defend our loved ones and ourselves. We understand that some biker events have been canceled out of concern that there may be another incident. More than anyone, we understand the disappointment of such cancellations to motorcycle enthusiasts. For this reason, we have contacted promoters—though we also greatly enjoy the events and believe in our right to attend— and have voluntarily agreed not to attend such events so that motorcycle enthusiasts may continue to enjoy them. Though we did not expect trouble, we cooperated with events, such as the Ventura Beach Run, Palm Springs Bike Week, and Hollister.

It was never our intention to participate in anything like what occurred in Laughlin. In fact, we went out of our way to avoid such an incident. To start with, we made reservations at the hotel that is furthest from the hotels frequented by other clubs. In order to avoid confrontations with other clubs at gas and rest stops, the Mongols chose a longer, less-traveled route to Laughlin. Once in Laughlin, law enforcement officials approached us; their concern was that we might visit the Flamingo Hotel and Casino, a hotel frequented by other clubs. We assured them that we had no intention of such action and, in order to further put law enforcement at ease, we voluntarily agreed not to attend any events on the strip. The Mongols were also approached by hotel security and were threatened with random searches by law enforcement. We were told to leave our buck knives in our rooms. The Mongols cooperated and were left unarmed. As for the accusation that the Mongols set a trap and were waiting for other clubs, videos will show that, not only were we unarmed, but most of us had retired to our rooms. The videos will also show that we were with our women and our adult sons and daughters. This being said, we must add that we do not apologize for defending ourselves.

As for those of you who were placed in harm's way, we sympathize and appreciate your concern. We would, however, suggest you inquire as to what role law enforcement played in the incident. You might ask why, if law enforcement was so concerned, they stood by and watched the situation develop. A news report stated that two officers received medals for following one group from the Flamingo Hotel to Harrah's Hotel. Ask yourself how many undercover officers were watching the entire incident unfold from inside Harrah's— and if the disarming of the Mongols was coincidental. Motorcycle clubs have long complained about law enforcement aggravating situations and supplying information and misinformation to supposed rival clubs to escalate their disputes—similar to prison guards pitting prisoners against each other in gladiator-style combat. We have been fed information by law enforcement officials that gives us not only the legal names of our alleged rivals, but also their addresses, the types of vehicles they ride, and pictures of their faces. Why do we, as a motorcycle club, have government issue documents like this in our possession? Our alleged rivals have been fed the same type of information about us.

We feel that publicizing this will assure the public that this information will not serve to provoke us. In fact, in the months prior to Laughlin, members of many of the most influential clubs in the world had been meeting to establish relationships to prevent situations like the one in Laughlin. The members are promoting peace through communication, love and respect. However, this type of harmony will not benefit law enforcement, as they will not obtain funding for their special operations and task forces. So law enforcement wrongfully accuses us of conspiring against rival clubs or planning drug deals to get the public on their side. Despite attempts to disrupt the peaceful path we have chosen, The Mongols Motorcycle Club will continue towards its goal.

As further proof that we are sincere in this quest for peace, we are granting the following request. For over thirty years, the only two clubs that have earned the right to wear "California" on their bottom rocker have been the Mongols and the Hell's Angels. This still holds true today. In a gesture of pure generosity and good faith, we, the Mongols, are granting permission to any and all presently existing clubs in California, including the Hessians, Rare Breed, Vagos, Sundowners, all law enforcement clubs, etc. to wear the "California" bottom rocker. Enjoy, but never forget the price paid by those who earned it.

LAUGHLIN RIVER RUN

Shortly after the Laughlin Incident, a threatening letter was mailed to the Las Vegas Police outlining plans to "take out any pig issuing harassing violations."

The letter ended with "Death to all who wear the badge."



This is just a note to tell the pigs how lucky they are for not citing my wife for flashing or me for petty motorcycle vidations, the water of the harassment witnessed in Hollister in 2005 and in Laughlin on 4/29, we are forming the Mjahdin Motorcycle Club; our mission will be to take out any pig # issuing harassing violations. I'm not talking drunk driving, I'm talking pethy bull shit tickets. I already got away with killing one pig; for me, it's easy.

Death to all who wear a budge.

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Operation Black Rain





Raid Targets Mongols Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Members

On October 21, 2008, more than 1,000 federal agents and police in Southern California, Nevada, Oregon, Colorado, Washington and Ohio, arrested 61 Mongols Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members after a three-year undercover investigation in which federal agents infiltrated the gang. In addition to racketeering, those arrested are charged with committing violent crimes -- including murder -- drug trafficking, weapons offenses and money laundering.

The key to the investigation -- dubbed Operation Black Rain -- was the work of the four undercover agents who spent several years gaining the Mongols' trust. Before being admitted to the gang, they were checked out by a private investigator who had been hired by the Mongols and they were given polygraph exams.

Operation Black Rain



In a unique approach, the Attorney General has apply for and received a injunction against the Mongols trademarked logo under the guise that the pending RICO prosecutions as a result of Operation Black Rain would eventually result in the forfeiture of all property of this "criminal organization.". The court order authorizes any law enforcement officer to seize items that depicts the logo from any Mongol's Motorcycle member. This court order definitely has the attention of other OMGs.

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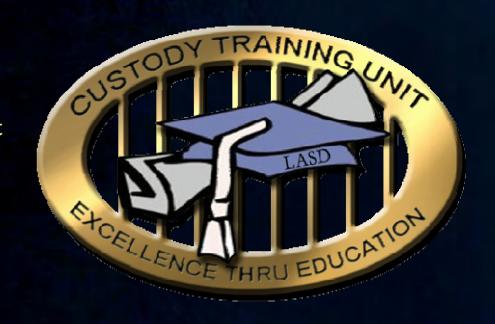
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