

OUTLAWS MOTORCYCLE GANG

The Outlaws Motorcycle Gang, or, as they prefer to call themselves, the American Outlaw Association, are now listing 85 full chapters and 2 prospect chapters in 20 U.S. states, on their web-site as of September 1, 2004.. (That number is changing almost monthly, both up and down!) The Outlaws claim that they were founded in 1935; they were not. It was

not until the late sixties, probably 1967 or 1968 that the Outlaws, as we in law enforcement know the gang, bubbled up from BELOW as a bona-fide motorcycle gang. And, even then it was only after the then-called Chicago Outlaws had a shoot-out with the Johnny Davis Outlaws near Lake Shore Drive on the north side of Chicago. They do not put this last piece of information on their website. I can not tell you the exact years of the creation of U.S. Outlaw chapters prior to 1992 but there were approximately 30 chapters nationwide.

However, as a result of my own investigations prior to my retirement and, in checking with law enforcement throughout the U.S., I have determined that 64 new chapters have been created since 1992. They are:

In 1993, the Outlaws initiated the Outlaws Chicago North Side chapter (1st) within the city limits of Chicago by absorbing the former Wheelmen Motorcycle Gang of Chicago. The Outlaws also initiated the Chicago Outlaws Westside chapter (2nd) in 1994 by absorbing the former High Spirits Motorcycle Gang of Illinois. (This last chapter has

since moved from the Bensenville, Illinois area to Elgin, Illinois).

Also in 1993, the Outlaws initiated the so-called Stateline Chapter in Antioch, Illinois, which eventually became the Janesville, Wisconsin chapter, the (3rd) chapter.

Wearing a bottom rocker of Wisconsin from the beginning, the chapter was basically put out of business by the Wisconsin RICO in 1999. Since the government's seizure of the original Outlaw clubhouse in Janesville, this chapter has re-located to another address in Janesville and has re-built its membership.

In 1994, the Outlaws did an "in your face" to the Hells Angels and established new chapters in Brockton, Massachusetts (4th), in East Jordan, Michigan (5th) (which soon ceased to exist and is now known as the Alba, Michigan Chapter) and in Columbus, Ohio (6th). For some reason, this Columbus chapter soon went "out of business".

No additional Outlaws chapters were established until 1997 when they began new chapters in LaCrosse, Wisconsin (7th) and Park Falls, Wisconsin (8th). The significance of the new chapter in LaCrosse, Wisconsin was that several members came from the A.R.M. Motorcycle Club (Association of Recovering Motorcyclists) which they themselves describe as a "clean and sober organization".

In 1998, the Outlaws established the Sheboygan, Wisconsin chapter (9th) and, in 1999, they initiated the Bay City, Michigan chapter (10th).

The year 2000 saw new Outlaw chapters near Detroit, Michigan (known as the Down River Chapter (11th) the Ocala, Florida chapter (12th), the Panama City, Florida chapter (13th), the West Palm Beach, Florida chapter (14th), the Manchester, New Hampshire chapter (15th), the Atlanta Eastside chapter (16th) and the Denton, North Carolina (17th) chapter.

The year 2001 was to the Outlaws, just as it was to the Hells Angels, a banner year for new chapters. New Outlaw chapters sprang up in Raymond, New Hampshire (18th), in Maggie Valley, North Carolina (19th), in Scranton, Pennsylvania (20th), a chapter known as the Southern Tier Chapter in New York (21st), the McHenry County, Illinois

chapter (22nd), the Peoria, Illinois chapter (23rd), the Springfield, Illinois chapter (24th), the Ft. Wayne, Indiana chapter (25th), the Boston, Massachusetts chapter

(26th), the Detroit Westside chapter (27th), the Grand Rapids, Michigan chapter (28th) and the Alba, Michigan chapter (29th)! (NOTE: Alba is now defunct)

On January 2, 2002, while scanning the Outlaws US web-site, it was noted that the Outlaws were proclaiming a grand welcome to their newest chapter, the Dupage County, Illinois chapter (the 30th), which allegedly received its full chapter status in December 2001.

Checking the AOA web-site for January 2002, shows full chapter status for Savannah, Georgia (the 31st). Also for January 2002, the web-site shows full chapter status for Tauton, Mass. (the 32nd) chapter.

Also, the AOA initiated new probate chapters in Jan. 2002 in South Connecticut (Waterbury), East Boston, Mass. and, of all places, Brunswick, Georgia (right outside the gates of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center)!

During Feb. 2002, the AOA did not vote in any known new chapters or initiate any new probate chapters.

The AOA web-site indicates in April 2002 that the Outlaws have a new chapter in Decatur, Illinois (the 33rd) chapter, and in Brunswick, Georgia (the 34th) chapter. There had been no mention of a Decatur probate chapter previously.

The AOA web site for May 2002 shows full chapter status for East Boston, Mass., (the 35th) chapter and Waterbury, Conn. (the 36th) chapter.

The AOA web site for September 2002 shows alleged Outlaw probate chapters initiated in Kankakee, IL. and Wilkes- Barre, PA.

The AOA web-site for October 2002 shows alleged Outlaw probate chapters for Portland, Maine and Boston North Shore, Mass.

The AOA web-site for October 6, 2002 shows full chapter status for Kankakee, IL. (the 37th) chapter. (Note: Kankakee is now defunct).

The AOA web-site for November 2002, shows an alleged new Outlaw probate chapter for Columbus, Ohio. (The old Columbus, Ohio O/L chapter had gone under a few years ago).

The AOA web-site for December 2002 shows a previously unmentioned chapter known as the Atlanta Northside (the 38th) chapter. Also allegedly new for December 2002 is Waukesha, WI. (the 39th) chapter and the Wisconsin State Line (the 40th) chapter located in Kenosha, WI.

To summarize, there appears to have been 40 Outlaw chapters created thus far since 1992 with 10 created in 2002 and 4 currently probating for full chapter status.

The AOA web-site for Jan. 2003 shows full chapter status for Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (the 41st) chapter.

The AOA web-site for Feb. 2003 shows full chapter status for Portland, Maine (the 42nd) chapter and Columbus, Ohio, the 43rd) chapter.

The AOA web-site for Feb. 22, 2003, shows full chapter status for Boston North Shore, Mass. (the 44th) chapter.

The AOA web-site for March 2003, shows full chapter status for Fayetteville, Ark. (the 45th) chapter. Previously unmentioned. Also, March 2003 shows an alleged new probating chapter in Johnstown, PA.

The AOA web-site for April 2003 shows full chapter status for Enfield, Conn. (the 46th) chapter. Previously unmentioned. Also for April 2003, the web-site shows full chapter status for Macon, GA. (the 47th) chapter. Previously unmentioned also.

The AOA web-site for August 2003, disclosed full chapter status for Alton, Illinois the (48th) chapter, the Johnstown, Pennsylvania (49th) chapter and the Shelby County, Kentucky (50th) chapter, all created since 1992!

In addition, the August 2003 check disclosed a new Outlaw probate chapter in Southern Indiana. As of August 2003,

Kalamazoo, MI. and Southern Indiana are the current, two probating chapters.

The AOA web-site for September 2003 has disclosed a new Outlaw probate chapter for Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

ATF, Detroit, MI. advised on 09/29/03 that the probate chapter in Kalamazoo, MI. (51st) was granted full chapter status.

The AOA web-site for October 2003 disclosed a new Outlaw probate chapter for Lexington, KY., referred to as the "Bluegrass Probate chapter" and one for Central Pennsylvania.

Checking the AOA web-site for November 1, 2003, disclosed the absence of the alleged Southern Indiana probating chapter. No solid information as to what happened here yet.

Checking the AOA web-site for November 21, 2003, disclosed two, alleged new chapters for Charlotte County, FL. (52nd) and West Volusia County, FL. (53rd).

Also, on November 21, 2003, Michigan MCIO reports that Grand Rapids, MI. is now a probating chapter.

Checking the AOA web-site for November 24, 2003 disclosed the Outlaw chapter in Fayetteville, Ark., once again. It had been reported in March 2003 as a full chapter but was then taken off the web-site. It will remain as the 45th newly created chapter since 1992. A full chapter for Southern Indiana, the (54th) and a new probating chapter in Grand

Junction, Col. were also reported at this time on the AOA web-site.

Checking the AOA web-site for December 16, 2003 disclosed an alleged new Outlaw chapter in Birmingham, Ala, the (55th) and a new probating chapter for Southern Illinois (not to be confused with the Alton, Illinois chapter).

Somehow or other, the Madison, WI. (56th) and Wausau, WI. (57th) probating chapters, which were listed at the end of

2003 as full chapters, got by me. They are now included.

The AOA web-site for Jan. 7, 2004 shows full-chapter status for the probating Central Pennsylvania, the (58th) chapter which would make it the first new Outlaw chapter for 2004.

The AOA web-site for Feb. 2004 shows full chapter status for the probating Bluegrass, Ky. (59th) chapter and the second new Outlaw chapter for 2004.

The AOA web-site for March 2004 shows full chapter status for the probating Eau Claire, WI. (60th) chapter and the third new Outlaw chapter for 2004. In addition the AOA web site shows a new probating Outlaws chapter in Elizabethtown, Ky.

The AOA web-site for May 2004 shows a new probating Outlaws chapter in Clarksville, Tennessee!

The AOA web-site for May 31, 2004 shows full chapter status for the probating Elizabeth, Ky. chapter which would make it the (61st) chapter and the fourth for 2004.

Colorado law enforcement report that the Grand Junction, Col. (62nd) Outlaw probating chapter received its full colors sometime in May, June or July 2004 which would make it the fifth new Outlaw chapter for 2004.

Southern Illinois law enforcement report that the Joppa, Illinois (63rd) Outlaw probating chapter received its full colors sometime in August 2004 which would make it the sixth new Outlaw chapter for 2004.

Law enforcement authorities in Kentucky reported during August 2004 the presence of a new Outlaws probating chapter in Bowling Green, KY.

During the first week of December, 2004, Wisconsin law enforcement authorities reported that the Sheboygan, WI. Outlaw chapter has gone under and the Green Bay/Fox Valley, WI. (64th) chapter has been initiated. This new chapter could be made up of former members of the Sheboygan chapter.

(The AOA web-site shows a chapter known as the "McCook, Illinois" Chapter.

Although the McCook Outlaws were begun in 1935 in McCook, Illinois, there exists only the thinnest of connections between this old motorcycle club and the present day Outlaws/Chicago gang. There is no McCook Chapter as far as is known and it exists only in the minds of the current Outlaws in Chicago for what is believed to be nostalgic sake. Also, the East Jordan, Mi. chapter will be shown for statistical purposes only). Law enforcement authorities reported in 2003 that the Lima, Ohio Outlaws Chapter is definitely out of business even though it is shown on the Outlaws web-site as a full chapter. The same is allegedly true of the Lexington, North Carolina Chapter).