HELLS ANGELS MOTORCYCLE GANG
Prior to 1990, the Hells Angels Motorcycle Gang had approximately 30 charters throughout the United States. By January 1, 2004, the gang had increased to 69 full charters and three prospecting charters in the U.S. More have been added since then. The nineties were especially good for the growth of the Hells Angels M/C in the U.S. In 1992, they established a new charter in (1) Providence, Rhode Island. In 1994, the (2) Spokane, Washington charter was established and, also in 1994, the Hells Angels absorbed the Hell's Henchmen M/C in Illinois and Indiana and established the (3) Hells Angels/Rockford, Illinois charter, the (4) Hells Angels/Chicago charter and the (5) Hells Angel/South Bend, Indiana charter. (The establishment of the new red and white charters in Illinois and Indiana caused the 1994/1995 so-called "war" between the Hells Angels and the Outlaws nationwide which ended in a "truce" between the major 1%ers in 1996). The red and white also began new charters in (6) Shasta County, California and in (7) Long Island, New York in 1994.
In 1996, the Hells Angels established new charters in Cape Cod, Massachusetts and in (9) Maine. The year 1997 was a banner year for the H.A.M.C. with new charters in (10) Phoenix, in (11) Mesa, in (12) Tucson, in (13) Cave Creek, in (14) Flagstaff and a (15) Nomads charter, all in Arizona. (The six charters were created from the roll over of the Dirty Dozen Motorcycle Gang). In addition, the (16) Orange County, California charter was started, or reactivated, near Los Angeles.
In 1998, the red and white began new charters in (17) Reno, Nevada and in (18) Merced County, California. In 1999, they initiated new charters in (19) New York (New Roc City) and in (20) Prescott, Arizona.
In 2000, they kept up the relentless formation of new charters with the establishment of the (21) Manchester, New Hampshire charter, the (22) Connecticut Nomads charter and the (23) Fresno, California charter.
In 2001, the H/A's initiated a new prospect charter in Denver, Colorado. (Laconia, New Hampshire had been mentioned as a possible new charter but we have received no confirmation on this as yet).
Thus far, for 2002, we have received unconfirmed reports that the 81 have started a prospect charter in Maryland. We are working on this and will let you know. (Since writing the previous two sentences in January 2002, we photographed Maryland Prospect Hells Angels at a usually Outlaws dominated parts and swap meet in Villa Park, Illinois on February 2, 2002. There were approximately 50-70 H/A’s from around the U.S. In addition to that, there were multiple references to the new Maryland Prospect Charter on the Hells Angels Worldwide Website in January, 2002).
Also on the H/A Worldwide Web site was a reference to the new Hells Angels Nomads Charter in (24) Michigan, January, 2002.
Also on their net was a reference to the new Hells Angels Prospective Nomads Charter in Illinois, January 2002. NOTE! (This prospect charter is still prospecting as of 1/01/03). Also on their net was a reference to the new Hells Angels Charter, Boston, Massachusetts, January, 2002 (the 25th charter). Also on their net was a reference to the new Hells Angels Charter, Worchester, Massachusetts, January, 2002 (the 26th charter). Also on their net was a reference to the new Hells Angels Charter, Eastlake Ohio, January, 2002 (the 27th charter).
During February 2002, according to the HAMC website, the red and white created a new prospect charter in Rockingham County, New Hampshire which just happens to be geographically close to the fairly new Outlaws chapter in Raymond, N.H. and their
own new charter in Manchester.
As of May 1, 2002, the rumor mill is circulating information that the HAMC have a prospect charter in New Jersey and are about to put new, prospect, charters in St. Louis, Minneapolis and other states. Since we don’t deal in rumors, we’ll wait and keep you advised as to what actually happens.
Listed on the HAMC Connecticut Nomads web-site on June 7, 2002 are “congratulations to our new prospect charters in North Beach, Maryland, in Rockingham County, New Hampshire, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and in Fayetteville, North Carolina! (Of course, the idiots misspelled Philadelphia and Fayetteville on their web-site). We’ll wait and see if these prospect charters become full charters.
Listed on the HAMC World web-site on August 20, 2002 was “congratulations to our newest HAMC Charter, Santa Cruz County, California, (the 28th charter). There had been absolutely no mention of this prospect charter previous to August 2002. On August 22, law enforcement in California confirmed that Santa Cruz County had indeed, become a new Hells Angel charter.
Listed on the HAMC World web-site on October 1, 2002 was “congratulations to our newest HAMC Charter, Denver Colorado (the 29th charter)” The Denver H/A’s got their full patch in July 2002 after dropping their Brothers Fast colors in June 2001.
Listed on the HAMC World web-site on November 5, 2002 was “congratulations to our prospect charters in Greenville, S.C., Philadelphia, Pa., North Beach, Md. Also Fayetteville, N.C”. Although the latter three had been mentioned in October, the Greenville prospect charter is evidently new. Interestingly, there was no mention of the Rockingham County, N.H. prospect charter either way. Wonder what happened to those boys?
Hold on – wait! It looks like they have done it again. We’re trying to confirm but, at this point, it sure looks as if the H/A’s have added another charter, this time in New Jersey. Zito was photographed wearing a New Jersey bottom rocker and New York L/E verifies, so far, that New Roc City and the N.Y.C. charter created the New Jersey charter following the Pagan/Hells Angels deal in Feb. 2002. Looks like New Jersey will officially be the (30st charter!) Keep in mind, however, that some in law enforcement are not sure that New Jersey is only a prospecting charter being sponsored by the New Roc City charter.
As of December 31, 2002, there does not appear to be any additional new or prospecting red and white charters in the U.S.
However, there are dozens of new Hells Angels puppet gangs throughout the U.S. including the Red Devils M/C, the Southside Crew M/C and others. Many of them, including the Red Devils M/C in Grand Junction, Col. are allegedly prospecting to become Hells Angels even though they are not carried on the Hells Angels World web-site.
To summarize, there appears to have been 31 Hells Angels charters created since 1992, 7 new charters created in 2002 and 4 current prospecting charters in the U.S. The year, 2003, started off with a BANG or, to use the 81’s words on their web-site, a BAM! The prospecting Illinois Nomads will receive their full colors on Jan. 18, 2003 in Belleville, IL. making them the (31nd) H/A charter in the U.S. since 1992. And, not to be outdone, the prospecting North Beach Maryland group have received their full colors making them the (32rd) H/A charter. And just for the heck of it, the H/A’s have created another prospecting charter this month (Jan. 2003) in Myrtle Beach, S.C. and L/E advises that three of the prospects are
former members of the Pagans M/C!
The 81 web-site for February 1, 2003 disclosed the full chapter status of Hells Angels Nomads, New Hampshire, the alleged (33th) H/A charter.
The 81 web-site for February 21, 2003 disclosed the full chapter status of Hells Angels Maine, (Lewiston, Maine), the alleged (34th) charter. If true, this makes the second Maine charter.
The 81 web-site for March 1, 2003 disclosed the full chapter status of Hells Angels Pennsylvania (Philadelphia), the alleged (35th) charter.
The 81 web-site for March 12, 2003 disclosed the full chapter status of Hells Angels Fayetteville, N.C., the alleged (36th) charter.
The 81 web-site for March 24, 2003 disclosed the full chapter status of Hells Angels Las Vegas, NV., the alleged (37th) charter.
There appears to have been a leveling off of new HAMC charters since March 2003. Unproven information received by the author is that the HAMC may be in the process of starting new prospect charters in Indiana and Arkansas but it is unclear if this information is factual. We will keep you posted. From March 24, 2003 through October 1, 2003, no new U.S. Hells Angels charters appear to have been issued. However, according to law enforcement information, there are four prospecting H/A charters; the first in Greenville, S.C., the second in Myrtle Bach, S.C., the third in York County, PA. and the fourth in Baltimore, MD. (Note: The H/A gang World web-site is not necessarily posting the new H/A prospecting gang charters).
On December 3, 2003, the Greenville, S.C. prospecting charter received its full colors which would make it the (38th) new H/A charter created since 1992. They have been maintaining approximately 7 members since that time. Checking the H/A World Guest Book for Oct., 2003 disclosed “congratulations to a new charter in Santa Cruz, Ca”. This was strange as the Santa Cruz charter was issued in 2002 and this writer was unaware of its ever having gone under.
Just in for January 2004, law enforcement sources have indicated that there is now a confirmed, Hells Angels prospecting charter in Manassas, Virginia..
In Feb./Mar. 2004, southern Indiana law enforcement began tentative reporting of Hells Angels sightings in southeastern Indiana. There was nothing, however, on the 81 web-site. In April 2004, southern Indiana law enforcement reported that a new Hells Angels charter, with the bottom rocker of Indiana and the Nomads patch on the front of the colors had been seen and photographed. Confirmation received 04/22/04. The new charter will be Hells Angels Indiana, Nomads Charter, the (39th) started since 1992.
In August 2004, Maryland law enforcement authorities report that the Baltimore, MD. Hells Angels Prospect charter received their full colors which would make them the (40th) H/A charter created since 1992. There appears now to be only three Hells Angels prospecting charters; Myrtle Beach, S.C., Manassas, VA. and York County, PA.
On October 23, 2004, the Baltimore Hells Angels charter and the York, PA. (41st) new charter and the Myrtle Beach, S.C. (the 42nd) new charter since 1992, had a patch party in Perry Hall, Baltimore, MD. to celebrate their new status. The Manassas, VA. prospect charter, whose members are all awaiting trial on gang membership and assault charges in Loudon County, lost quite a bit of status after allowing a Fairfax County undercover detective to prospect!