Crandon '08

I had a chance to attend the Crandon Bike Rally at it's new location. Mole Lake Casino was host to the event that extended it's hospitality to the bikers that arrived. Located about 7 miles south of Crandon on Hwy 55. There's free camping, free music, vendors, and games for the whole family. What more could we have asked for? Sun and warmth, that's what. Again the weather I feel kept people away.

The casino did an excellent job organizing the poker run and entertainment. Jim & Heather were our tour guides for the poker run (which I pulled nuttin' like usual) but enjoyed donating to the Red Cross and getting some match play.

Thanks to all the business's in town that welcomed the bikers for the weekend. I am told Mole Lake (www.molelake.com) will be hosting again next year, so let's hope for good weather.

And lastly can I recommend the new hotel for a neat little get-a-way. Check their website for more details. Till then, peace.



**** Media Advisory *******

25th Annual Chicago Motorcycle Show & Parts Expo, Sat. Jan. 31st – Feb. 1st, 2009 A Charitable Event, Benefits Families of our Fallen Heroes who got killed in Iraq and Afghanistan

Show your support to our troops at 25th annual Chicago Mototcycle Show & Parts Expo on Jan. 31st – Feb 1st, 2009 at McCormick Place Chicago IL

Chicago, IL Nov. 5, 2009– Paragons Promotion Today announced that they are going to help Operation Ensuring Christmas, a charitable organization assisting children of fallen American Troops thru their 25th Annual Chicago Motorcycle Show & Parts Expo being held on Jan. 31st – Feb. 1st 2009 at McCormick Place in Chicago Illinois.

The event will feature live appearance of celebrity MICHELE SMITH, the host of American Thunder on TV speed channels, live appearance of Motorcycle Monster, bike show of all classes, trophies and cash prizes, new and used motorcycles for sale, new and used bike parts, buy-sell-trade Swap Meet, vendors from all over the country, Tattoo Contest, Fashion Show, Live Music. Special tribute to our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, special stage show by Paragon Show Girls, door prizes, food, beer and lot more. A portion of the proceeds received by OEC from the event will go to OEC's "Christmas in July" VIP vacation for Children of the our Fallen Heroes, with the remainder going to OEC's Christmas Gift Card program.

WHAT: 25th Annual Chicago Motorcycle Show & Parts Expo

WHO: Paragons Promotion, Sponsors and participants

WHEN: Sat. Jan. 31st 11-7 and Sun. Feb 1st 9-3

WHERE: McCormick Place, Lake Shore Drive, Chicago Illinois

Admission: \$15/Adult, Children under 12 are FREE **About Operation Ensuring Christmas:**

Operation Ensuring Christmas was founded in October 2004 to provide financial, moral, and rehabilitative support to the children of fallen American troops. The organization provides children with Christmas gift cards during the holiday season, as well

as a "Christmas in July" theme park trip to Orlando, Florida. This support is to assist these children in recovering from the grief and trauma caused by the loss of a parent in war and to help them 'be kids

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Operation Ensuring Christmas is a member of America Supports You, a nation-wide program launched by the Department of Defense that recognizes citizens' support for military men and women. The program helps link all the different efforts of the nearly 200 charitable organizations supporting the troops, and communicates that support to members of our Armed Forces and their families through the www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil website.

For more info on Valpo-Fest please visit www.chicagomotorcycleswap.com or www.paragonspromotion.com or call Gill @ (800) 800-3064 ext. 11.

For more information about Operation Ensuring Christmas please visit www. Op Christmas.org or call 321-251-7850.

Government Seizes Club's Colors

Dozens of Mongols Motorcycle Club members were arrested under a federal racketeering indictment in a multi-state sting operation on October 21, but even before a single case has gone to trial federal prosecutors have succeeded in getting a court order stripping the club of their trademarked logo. Mongols members can no longer wear patches or other items bearing the club's insignia following what appears to be an unprecedented injunction barring members, their family and associates from wearing, licensing, selling or distributing the logo.

"If a Mongol is wearing a vest or jacket bearing the Mongols patch, that item is pursuant to seizure based on this order," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Welk.

"This was an ingenious move to try and strip a club of its identity under the guise of civil asset forfeiture," said Richard M. Lester, founder of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), "but it sets an extremely dangerous precedent if allowed to stand. All the government would have to do is show that a few members were involved in criminal activity and they could take away your name and logo, and it could affect any organization from ABATE to HOG to the Elks."

Explaining the implications and ramifications of the federal action, Sam Hochberg, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) Attorney for Oregon, said the reasoning behind the court order was "The government made a showing to the federal judge that they have a substantial likelihood of prevailing on the merits of the criminal case, including the RICO

charge, which is required to get this sort of order. If the club loses on the criminal/RICO charges, they could be subject to the civil forfeiture laws -- the same laws that allow the government to take away cars and houses from drug dealers as 'instruments of the crime'. Here, the government argued that the patch has value, and since they think they'll ul timately be entitled to a civil forfeiture, they want to hold on to that asset, the patch. That was the basis for their legal argument, though publicly and to the press the ATF has admitted they're doing this to break the back of the club."

According to Lester, who also helped to found the Confederations of Clubs across the U.S. and Canada to help organized patch holder clubs to fight for their legal rights, NCOM will be working with the COCs to help overturn the patch seizure by hiring an expert on trademark and civil liberties law.

