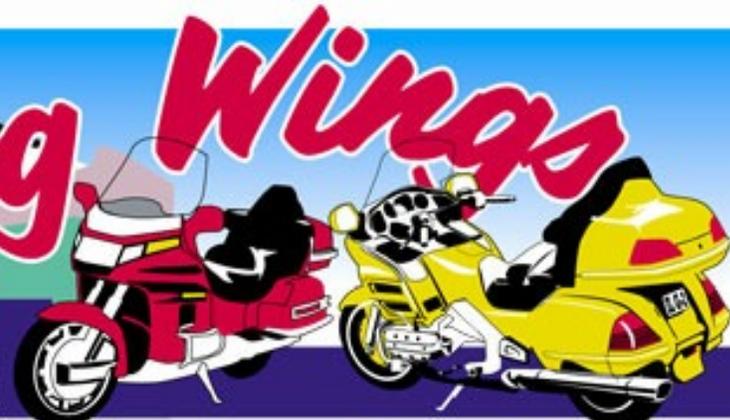


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IL-G2 NEWSLETTER



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We have mourned the loss of Mary Adams, our Illinois District Director.

Mary had some health issues then got infected with the Coronavirus. She was an excellent district director and a warm, friendly person who

was easy to work with. She will be missed. Her husband, Bob, has taken over her position. We wish him luck and all of our condolences.

Our gathering the morning of December 13 was reasonably well attended. See Tony Valicenti's article on page 5 for more details.

I am pleased to announce our 2021 ride calendar. Our new ride committee met and assembled a calendar full of rides of various lengths. There should be one or more rides every month to please everyone. Based on the vaccination schedule, our first in-person chapter meeting is scheduled for April. That may change if vaccinations are delayed. See the full calendar on page 2 and Tony Valicenti's article on page 4 for more details.

I wish all of you a happy, healthy and safe 2021.



Ellary and Holly Kahan

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January Birthdays

- 16 — Craig Gilsinger
- 24 — Sandra King
- 28 — Glenn Hansen



Got something to say?

This is your newsletter. We accept articles from any member.. Send your articles to the editor at ellaryk@gmail.com. MS Word or equivalent format preferred. Text should be in Times New Roman font, single spaced with a one-quarter inch first line indent on all paragraphs except the first. Any photos should be cropped for publication. All submissions become the property of IL-G2 and may be edited.

Upcoming G2 Events

January

24 - Video Chapter gathering

February

28 - Video Chapter gathering

March

28 - Video Chapter gathering

April

25 - 9 AM Chapter gathering with ride after

May

8 - Dinner ride

23 - 9 AM Chapter gathering with ride after

29 or 30 - Memorial Day ride

June

5 - Breakfast ride

12 - Dinner ride, Road America

13 - 9 AM Chapter gathering with ride after

19 - All day ride

26-July 4 - Wing Ding trip

July

10 - Dinner ride

18 - All day ride

25 - 9 AM Chapter gathering with ride after

August

7 - Breakfast ride

14 - Dinner ride

15 - All day ride

22 - Chapter picnic

28 - Wrenching day

September

4-6 - Door County trip

11 - Breakfast ride

12 - All day ride

18 - Dinner ride

26 - 9 AM Chapter meeting

October

2 - Breakfast ride

3 - Crud run

16 - All day ride

23 - Chili social

24 - 9 AM Chapter gathering with ride after

November

13 - Dinner

21 - 9 AM Chapter gathering with 2022 calendar planning

December

4- Holiday party

ILLINOIS G2 CHAPTER STORE

The following items are available for sale at the monthly chapter meetings:

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G2 Logo Hats & Fleece
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See Apparel tab on web site.

If you would like to order but cannot attend a Chapter meeting, contact
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Ride Committee

2021

Ride and Event Schedule

January

24 - Chapter meeting via Zoom 10 AM

February

28 - Chapter meeting via Zoom 10 AM

Safe Riding

Mike Zyskowski & Mary Shearer

Tony Valicenti

Tim McGuire

2021 Rides

Although it's cold and dreary and dark in the morning and we are still in the middle (at best) of a pandemic, we just celebrated the holidays and some of us were able to see the "Christmas Star". More importantly, the Winter Solstice has passed and each day has a few more seconds of daylight. Spring is coming and with it, a new riding season. Although we all enjoy a spur-of-the-moment solo ride to nowhere in particular, as members of a riding group, we also enjoy a group ride with friends. Some enjoy the shorter morning or afternoon rides and others, a longer or multi-day experience.

To accommodate these longer day rides, a group of us (David Bierman, Jim Fairman, Randy Sweet, Tim McGuire and I) virtually met to discuss and propose the general characteristics of an "All-Day" ride which are outlined below. We specifically chose additional dates each month to avoid taking away from the regularly scheduled shorter rides. We aim to do one of these longer rides once a month from June through October, with a possible rain date before or after the targeted date.

We agreed on the following general guidelines:

A ride of 200-250 miles (from and returning to Fox Lake), depending on the types of roads, with a stop for lunch or an attraction

Depart Fox Lake or a remote starting point around 8:00am and return around 4:00pm

Not more than 4-5 hours of continuous riding time, and a total of not more than 7 hours of riding during the day

Attempt to have both Saturday and Sunday rides during the season

We proposed the following dates for the all-day rides: May 29 or 30, June 19, July 18, August 15, September 12 and October 16.

Here are some of the All-day rides suggested:

Road America (6/12) Category D or E (see below)

Moonshine Store, a 4-hour ride there, leaving at 7:00am, resulting in an all-day ride

Slimey Crud Run in Madison 5/2/21 and 10/3/21 (an earlier start)

Wisconsin Rustic Ride – 10 roads

Motorcycle Museum, Anamosa, IA

Poopy's, Savannah, IL

Chillicothe/IL River west of Starved Rock

Amish Country in Indiana

Covered Bridge ride in Indiana

Lake Winnebago Circle

Wisconsin Supper Clubs

Spring Green/Taliesin

Color Ride

The multi day rides that were discussed at the November Chapter Meeting include:

Wing Ding Trip Sun 6/27-Mon 7/5

Arrive in Eureka, MO 6/27

Arrive in Branson 6/28

Arrive in Springfield 6/30

Arrive in St. Louis 7/3

Arrive home 7/4

Door County (9/4-9/6)

In conclusion, there are essentially five types of group rides in G2:

A. After-G2 meeting rides (start at ~10:45am or so)

B. Breakfast or Lunch rides (start 1-2 hours before the meal and end 1-2 hours after)

C. Dinner Rides (start ~1 hour before and ride home)

D. All-day rides, starting early, break for Brunch/Lunch, end in mid-late afternoon

E. Overnight or longer rides, including Road America (6/12), Americade (6/7-6/12),

Wing Ding (6/29-7/3) and others.

Tony Valicenti

December Holiday Gathering

Ellary Kahan called the first Zoom IL-G2 Holiday Gathering to order at 10:00 am. The social event was attended by Andy Toth, Bob Adams, Darlene Parks, David Bierman, Ed Harms, Ellary Kahan, Mark and Linda Muhlenfeld, Mike Plumeri, Tim McGuire and Tony Valicenti.

This Zoom gathering was in lieu of the annual 2021 Holiday Party and an opportunity to share some memories of the past year and to wish happy holidays to all. As some of us had some problems with Webex at previous chapter meetings, this event used Zoom and no problems were mentioned by the attendees. Bob Adams said that the District has a Zoom subscription that we could use for longer meeting.

Ellary formally welcomed Bob to the group. Bob has agreed to fill the position of District Director as a result of the unfortunate passing of his wife and our friend, Mary. Ellary conveyed our sympathy for Bob's loss and that we were thankful that the office remains in good hands. Bob announced that a five-district 3-day Rally with campground facilities is being planned for 2021 and will keep us informed. Ellary told Bob that he will submit the appointment of Tim McGuire and Tony Valicenti as new G2 Ride Coordinators, who, together with Mike Zyskowski will be responsible for 2021 ride planning and organization.

The group exchanged highlights of our abnormal year and holiday season. Mark and Linda found a house at 2 North Brittany Lane, Hainesville (the Kolman Family Christmas Light Show), with 70,000 lights synchronized to music broadcasted on an FM frequency. The crowds were large, but traffic moved smoothly through the neighborhood. Ellary said that there was a similar house in Buffalo Grove that was so popular that the city requested that the owners pay for police traffic control. Tony recalled the annual holiday drive with his family through neighborhoods in Lincolnwood, each homeowner striving for the annual first prize. Ed said that the Lake County Fairgrounds show was good, and Darlene said there were similar homes in Arizona, but with warmer lights (Ha Ha). The group wished each other a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas, a Happy Kwanza and a happy and safe New Year. Tony sang Darlene's "A Covid Christmas" published in the December newsletter to the melody of "My Favorite Things" from The Sound of Music.

The gathering was adjourned at 10:40 when we ran out of Zoom time.

Remember to stay safe and healthy so we can all enjoy good riding together in 2021, and get vaccinated whenever you can.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
January 24, 2020,
10 AM.**



Respectfully

Submitted,

Tony Valicenti

From the District Educator

This may not apply to women riders, but it still will hurt. All members know how to put their bike up for the winter, so there is no need for me to tell you how to do the thing you all do so well and have your own way of doing things. This is just information as I have seen some bikes with gadgets attached in front of the seat area. You all remember riding a bike when you were younger and your feet slipped off the pedals, male or female, it hurt.

Groin Injuries By Design?

By: James R. Davis

You think hitting the ground during an unscheduled dismount is going to be painful? Have you taken a look at what you are sitting behind lately?

Many motorcycles are designed with the rider sitting in a well behind a raised tank. Should you run into something with a bike designed like that you are subject to massive pelvic and groin injuries long before you hit the ground.

Some bikes have a faux tank that you sit behind which are bristling with controls and gauges. Though some, like the GoldWing, are well designed in the sense that the controls are flat allowing you to slide over them on the way to that dismount, some people feel compelled to add 'custom designed' gauges and controls of their own and those are typically dangerous in the extreme. Your pelvis may not sustain the same degree of injury as it would ramming into a raised tank, but a meaningful part of your groin could be left behind on your way over the handlebars when it encounters one of those 'designer' items on the way.

Some people have mounted soft luggage on their tanks. These might actually provide some measure of protection during a dismount. That is, unless that luggage contains sharp objects or breakable glass in them.

I know we don't plan to ever dismount a bike by going over the handlebars, but it amazes me that some people (especially motorcycle designers) are thoughtless as to the potential consequences of their choices.

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(James R. Davis is a recognized expert witness in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

A Non-Traditional Christmas

I realize not everyone in the group celebrates Christmas. And in an older newsletter awhile back I had written about our home no longer being the hub of Christmas activity. Well, this year was probably the least traditional of all, and not just because of Covid.

With our son in Illinois, and our daughter requesting us getting together on Saturday instead, Dan and I were on our own Christmas morning after a nice quiet dinner the prior night. After it warmed up a bit, Dan went outside to work on the backyard fence. I sipped on my coffee while planning the next week's menu and wake up a bit more. After the menu planning, I baked my Christmas cookies and some brownies. Then it was time for lunch and an unplanned nap.

With nap time over, I decided to "help" Dan. He has declined my help and is about 80% done with the fence. He did however buy some used bricks he will be using to make a fire pit. Unfortunately, these were not as clean as he originally thought. There was still leftover mortar on them, which needed to be ground off to make them flush. OK, I thought. I can do that when Dan told me what was involved. While learning to use a power tool was a learning experience in it-



self, I learned the necessity of other help aids: 1) Ear protectors to block out the noise of the grinder. 2) Safety glasses to keep mortar chips from flying into my eyes, which I later traded for full goggles. 3} A mask to keep the dust from finding its way into my nostrils. Now I know why Dan gave me this project; it's tedious, noisy, and my hair felt like chalk afterwards, hence the addition of a scarf to cover my head. While the blocks may not be coming out quite perfect, they should be usable. And, though it's not helping Dan with the fence, I'm contributing to a back-yard feature at least.

Machinery in the hospital has never bothered me once I got used t troubleshooting ventilators, IV pumps and the like. Power tools are another whole breed, though. I've decided I'm no "Rosie the Riveter". But I will take pride in finally helping my hubby.

Darlene Parks

The Good Book Guide

If you like crime novels you should like those written by Nora Roberts under the pen name J.D. Robb. Known as the In Death series, these offer a unique difference to most novels in the genre as they are all set in New York starting in 2056. So we get to experience Roberts vision of the future. The first, *Naked In Death*, was written in 1995 and she is still writing them. So it is interesting to see how close her predictions are getting to reality. But the nice part is that she doesn't belabor the technology. Items are mentioned as though the reader is in that future. And no explanation is given as to how any of them work. For example, the characters get their coffee from an "autochef" that can also prepare food.

Most importantly, she doesn't skimp on character development. Her detective is Eve Dallas, a type A personality who doggedly pursues her quarry. She's damaged goods, the daughter of a whore who didn't want her and a physically abusive father who she stabbed to death in self defense at the age of eight. Her husband, Roarke, is from a similar background. His father was a criminal in Dublin who was murdered when Roarke was twelve. He was raised by a man named Summerset, who set him on the straight and narrow. He slowly acquires wealth and comes to New York mega rich. An accomplished hacker, he often helps Eve in her investigations. The rest of

the characters are colorful, both in personality and clothing choices. But all are competent.

With 52 novels and 10 novellas you should be busy for quire a while.

Ellary Kahan

