

Wandering Wings

IL-G2 NEWSLETTER



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*GoldWing Road Riders Association - November, 2021
Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge*

October was a very busy month for us. We had rides the first three weekends that were planned by Tim McGuire, Tony Valicenti and Dan Meyer. They took us on many new roads and to new restaurants. And they were all well attended.



The Chili Social on October 23 was a lot of fun. About twenty of us enjoyed the two chilis that were made by Barb Harms and me as well as the appetizers and deserts. A big thank you to Ed and Barb Harms for hosting this event at their home.

November has a dinner at The Shanty in Wadsworth on the 13th and the chapter meeting and 2022 planning meeting on the 21st. Skymed will be making a presentation at the chapter meeting. The planning meeting will be at my house afterward.

Our annual holiday party will be on December 11 at The Continental Restaurant in Buffalo Grove. Everyone will be ordering off the menu and paying for their own food. The chapter will be paying for appetizers and deserts.

Stay safe and healthy and have a happy Thanksgiving.

Ellary and Holly Kahan

Chapter Meetings are held at IHOP Restaurant, 700 N. Milwaukee, Vernon Hills, IL, 9 AM breakfast, 9:30 meeting.

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November Birthdays

5 — Monica Fairman
24 — Jim Fairman

November Anniversaries

— None



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. Use .5 in. margins. Any photos should be cropped for publication. All submissions become the property of IL-G2 and may be edited.

Upcoming G2 Events

November

13 - Dinner, The Shanty, Wadsworth (Tony)
21 - Chapter gathering with SkyMed presentation followed by 2022 calendar planning meeting, 9 AM

December

11- Holiday party, The Continental Restaurant, Buffalo Grove

ILLINOIS G2 CHAPTER STORE

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

NEW

G2 Logo Hats & Fleece Vests
Name Badges

G2 & GWRRA Patches
Chapter Shirts
See Apparel tab on web site.

If you would like to order but cannot attend a Chapter meeting, contact
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Free motorcycle training will resume at selected training locations throughout the state. Please contact your closest [regional center](#) for more information.

Ride S.M.A.R.T.

Whether you are a novice or experienced rider, making the right choices when riding and choosing safety equipment and accessories should be your **first** priority. In the event of a crash, wearing the proper gear could be the difference of life or death. There is nothing between you and the road except the choices you make and the clothes you are wearing. Please choose to **Ride Smart**.

Sober: [Don't Drink and Ride](#), 39% of motorcyclists killed in a fatal crash had a BAC of .01 or above.

M Class: More than 20 percent of all motorcyclists do not ride with the proper classification. Riding legally ensures you have the training and skills necessary to operate the motorcycle safely. The CRSTP offers [free license waiver courses](#) to get your motorcycle endorsement. For more information on courses contact your closest [regional center](#).

All The Gear All The Time (ATGATT): We encourage all riders to wear All The Gear All The Time.

Helmets: A bright, reflective DOT-approved helmet is your best protection. Unfortunately, an overwhelming majority of those killed in motorcycle crashes are not wearing a helmet. Not only will it help protect against head injuries, but will make riders more visible to other drivers.

Eye Protection: Eye protection is legally required and should be worn at all times. It protects the operator from dust and other hazards that may irritate or injure the eyes.

Gloves: Full fingered gloves should be worn at all times to protect hands from injury and weather conditions.

Jackets, Pants and Boots: A motorcycle jacket, pants and boots should always be a part of the riding outfit. Wearing proper protective gear will protect from major skin loss, road rash and mutilated toes or feet in the event of a crash.

[How to tell if a helmet is unsafe](#)

[What You Should Know About Motorcycle Helmets](#)

Rider Training: Make sure to keep riding skills in the best shape and take a refresher [rider training course](#) every few years. Skills can diminish with age. Take our **free** rider training courses to keep skills sharp and road ready.

Tires/Wheels, Controls, Lights/Electrical, Oil/Fluids, Chassis and Stands (T-CLOCS): This is an acronym for a motorcycle pre-ride safety check. Before every ride check the Tires/Wheels, Controls, Lights/Electrical, Oil/Fluids, Chassis and Stands. Taking a moment to check your motorcycle for proper operation before the ride could mean the difference have a safe enjoyable ride or one that may result in problems. The owner's manual will address specific items and details to check on your motorcycle. Download [T-CLOCS inspection sheet](#) from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

Steve Brungard

Nine mistakes riders make when winterizing their bikes

Abstracted from an article by Adam Ponzek in CommonTread, Revzilla.com

Mr. Ponzek debunks several practices that some of us have grown up believing is the Gospel Truth, but maybe not. Here are his opinions and advice.

Don't start up your bike every week.

We have all heard this bad advice to start it and run it for some quantity of minutes in the garage to keep the oil moving, keep the battery charged and other silly things. Doing this only puts an unnecessary strain on your cold battery and unless the exhaust system gets really hot, will result in condensation forming which leads to rusting your exhaust system. Cover it up and don't start it unless you want to gear up and go for a good ride.

Don't drain your tank.

An empty tank invites corrosion and dried up seals. A modern fuel-injected or carbureted bike does best by adding a stabilizer like Stabil or Seafoam, filling the tank and running it for a short time to disperse the stabilizer and fresh fuel in the fuel system. Of course, if you have an older bike that leaks a little and don't want to do the repair this year, drain it if you must, because that's a lot better than a garage full of gas on the floor.

Don't remove your battery

Unless you don't have a source of electricity in your storage place, just get a good battery maintainer and hook it up to your battery. It will constantly monitor the condition of your battery and give a small amount of charge when needed, and cycle occasionally to prevent sulfation and other problems. Avoid a trickle charger, which may overcharge and possibly boil electrolyte all over your battery compartment and garage floor.

Don't confuse antifreeze with coolant.

Water is a good coolant for warm weather riding, but a good motorcycle coolant works better. Cold and freezing temperatures are another issue. Make sure that you have good antifreeze protection down to -30F. If you have any doubts, drain and change.

Don't postpone that oil change until Spring.

Spring may seem like a perfect time for an oil change especially since regularly run oil is almost self-cleaning. Storage is another issue, since exhaust gasses can sneak past rings and form acidic compounds in the oil. Not a problem if you ride regularly, but sitting with acidic oil for a few months is not healthy for your bike. Change it before storing it.

Don't store a dirty bike.

Just like acidic oil can ruin engine parts, road grit, grime and bugs can fuse with your clear coat, anodized aluminum and stainless-steel parts and degrade them if left on the bike. A good wash and wax will guard against a case of pitting and discoloration.

Don't use a cheap tarp or cover.

Invest in a good quality waterproof vented cover that is well lined to protect your bike's finish and won't blow off if the storage facility isn't airtight.

Don't overinflate your tires.

Some older bias-ply tires had a problem of developing a flat area when parked for months, newer bias-ply and all radial tires do not have this problem. Some folks are worried that the alkalinity in concrete garage floors may decompose tires, but this does not have any effect if stored for a few months. If you're worried, just park on some cardboard, wood or other surface, but don't inflate more than the normal riding pressures. Top off in the Spring.

Don't think that motorcycle thieves take the winter off.

Just because we're not riding doesn't mean that crooks aren't stealing. About 25% of bikes are stolen during the off season. Some owners don't check their bikes until Spring and then discover the theft. Make sure the storage area is secure and park your heavy bike with the front wheel in the locked position. Thieves will look for something else easy to roll or lift and leave your Wing alone.

Tony Valicenti

October 24 Meeting Minutes

Ellary Kahan called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. The meeting was attended by Andy Toth, David Bierman, Ellary Kahan, John Martens, Kathy & Warren Randall, Ken Pabst, Mark Muhlenfeld, Mike Plumeri and Tony Valicenti.

Ellary started by reviewing October rides [a breakfast ride on October 2 (Tim McGuire), the Slimey Crud Run on October 3 (Tim), a day ride on October 9 (Dan Meyer), and an all-day ride on October 16 (Tim)] and the wonderful Chili Social hosted by Barb and Ed Harms the evening before. Although Mike Z. had planned an after-meeting ride, the weather forecast for 10/24 resulted in a cancellation. Ellary announced that our Chapter meeting on November 21 at the IHOP in Vernon Hills, will include a presentation by a representative from SKYMED. John said that is worthwhile insurance and he has been satisfied with it. Ellary also announced that the 2022 planning meeting, open to all, will be at his home after the November meeting.

Tony said the he and Tim had discussed doing a ride at which action portraits of G2 riders will be professionally taken with a scenic background in Spring, 2022. As the setup and action photography will be complex, the plans and the location will be finalized then. Riders will receive several high-resolution images which they can have professionally printed and framed at their option.

Tony also announced that the November 13 dinner will be held at The Shanty at US 41 and Wadsworth Road, Wadsworth, IL at 6:00 pm. The Shanty's Covid guidelines will only permit two "group" tables of 8 people, with additional people seated at "reserved" tables of 2 or 4 nearby, if possible. Four checks per table will be given, so two singles, if seated at a table, will share a check. Because we will be limited to 16 people at the group tables, these will be assigned as soon as Tony receives your commitment to attend, by email to him at portraitsbyt@earthlink.net.

Ellary also announced that the Holiday Party location is changed to the Continental Restaurant in Buffalo Grove, where we can all order whatever we want from the menu. G2 will supply appetizers and dessert.

David discussed safe and efficient group riding practices, including staying in your track except when unsafe to remain there, keeping close together at stops, being ready to go, in gear, when the light changes or the traffic opens and ensuring that when you stop, you leave enough room for an escape path, should the need arise. David also mentioned that ride captains should avoid riding away from a stop too rapidly, but to build speed at a rate that will keep the group together. Ellary, John and Mike also contributed to the safety discussion. Ellary adjourned the meeting at 10:05 am.

Ride safe, stay warm and keep healthy so we can enjoy the rest of the 2021 riding season and the winter holidays..

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
Nov. 21, 2021 at
IHOP, Vernon Hills**



Respectfully
Submitted,

Tony Valicenti
Secretary

October Rides

October was another enjoyable month for riding! We made it out almost every weekend except one because of rain. We kicked things off with a scenic ride around the eastern side of Twin Lakes, around the horn of Bohners Lake and followed a detour around Powers Lake which treated us to spectacular scenery on Keystone Road. We satisfied our appetite at the Busy Bee Restaurant which was recommended to us by Craig Gilsinger.



After taking a day off due to rain we followed a new leader, Dan Meyer, the next weekend. He took us on some amazing roads along the southern unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, many of which were new to us. Along the way we met a fine gentleman named Wendell Quinones who asked if he could ride with us. We ate at Knuckleheads in Eagle where we got to try one of the best Reubens you could ever have and also learn more about our new friend. We even saw some other diners that arrived on horseback.



On October 16 Wendell rode with us again on our best ride of the season. We were looking for something great we could reminisce about over the winter. Our large group of sixteen riders broke into two smaller groups and followed Tim on a series of rustic roads that would remind one of Tail of the Dragon. We took a break at a motorcycle themed saloon and followed the fall colors to Sammie's on the Square for lunch.



Tim McGuire

Join us for
Dinner
Saturday, November 13, 6 PM
at
The Shanty
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Wadsworth, IL
847 336 0262

RSVP to
Tony Valicenti
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by

Wed., Nov. 10

(Or you will not be able to sit at the group tables)

VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY: WHAT I AM THANKFUL FOR IN 2021

Well, it's been another Covid pandemic year. I am most thankful for having been able to receive the vaccines, and then more recently the Booster. I am thankful for the Protective gear and guidelines provided by the organization I work for, and most thankful that I have not gotten the disease, despite working with some patients and/or families who have had it, though I do have much less exposure than the dedicated staff working in the hospital setting. Recent news is reflecting decreasing number of cases. I still see a lot of unmasked people out there and masking is still recommended. I continue to mask in public, despite my vaccines, to protect others if not myself.

I am thankful for doctors who take care of me when I have had an issue. Though I have been relatively healthy, without them, I likely would not be. I am also grateful for friends and family support and grateful to have my husband-the love of my life.

I am grateful my husband finished building a wall around our yard to help provide protection to our dogs as well as provide



a sense of privacy. I am grateful he is working on adding color and interest to our backyard, as well as function. I am thankful for beautiful weather most of the year, and more thankful the wildfires have not been too close to home.

Though I still miss friends and family in Illinois, I am grateful not only to have some new friends, but a few family members within driving distance, and the family and friends I have from Illinois who are willing to take the time to get together when in the area.



I am thankful for a wonderful life. I wish you all the same and hope you can take a few moments to ponder what you can be thankful for.

Darlene Parks

The Good Book Guide

I have finally finished John Sandford's Virgil Flowers series. In the last book, *Bloody Genius*, the governor of Minnesota asks Virgil to investigate the death of Dr. Bartholomew Quill, whose body is found in a local state university library. He finds that two departments are feuding over politically correct culture with each carrying their views to absurd extremes. Is the killer lurking among them?



This is a bit of a departure for Virgil as he rarely investigates crimes in the cities and it is taking him away from his girlfriend, Frankie, who is pregnant with his twins. But despite the change of settings his investigative techniques still work.

I have enjoyed all of John Sandford's books. I am currently reading *Uncaged*, the first in The Singular Menace trilogy that he co-authored with Michelle Cook. I'll report on it when I finish the trilogy.

Ellary Kahan