

# Wandering Wings

## IL-G2 NEWSLETTER



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

September's events were well attended and everyone had a lot of fun. This included the dinner at the Prime Quarter. See the details on page 6. Thanks to Tim McGuire and Jim Fairman for planning these rides.



October is full of rides that are planned for every weekend. See the Ride Committee article on page 3 for details. And watch your email for invitations.

And plan to be at our Chili Social on October 23. It is hosted by Ed and Barb Harms at their home. We are looking for someone to bring one more chili and others to bring appetizers, sides or salads and desserts. See the flyer and sign up sheet on pages 8 and 9 respectively.

Our annual holiday party is coming in December and we have found a new venue. The Vernon Hills Golf club has gotten much too expensive for us. So we have a reservation at Jimmy's Charhouse in Libertyville at 5:30, Dec. 4. We have to work out the details so we will report them in the November newsletter. So keep the date open.

Finally, I regret to inform you that Vito Racanelli has passed away. Vito was a member of G2 in its early days and was the task force leader for the Chicago Ride For Kids for many years.

Stay safe and healthy.

Ellary and Holly Kahan

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### October Anniversaries

24 — Errol & Dee Westergaard

### October Birthdays

24 — Dan Parks

31 — Marcia 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](mailto: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

### October

- 2 - Breakfast ride (Tim)
- 3 - Slimey Crud Run (Tim)
- 9 - Day Ride (Dan)
- 16 - All day ride (Tim)
- 23 - Chili social, 5:30 (Harms)
- 24 - Chapter gathering with ride after, 9 AM

### November

- 13 - Dinner (El-lary)
- 21 - Chapter gathering with 2022 calendar planning, 9 AM

### December

- 4- Holiday party

### 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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# Ride Committee

## 2021 G2 Rides

**W**ell, the Fall Equinox happened last week, so fall is definitely here, according to the astronomers. If this weekend was a forecast of what's left of the riding season this fall, it will be wonderful! There should be many good days left before the leaves start turning and we need to keep a liner in our jackets for the day's ride and October is jam-packed with good rides for all.

The October rides calendar includes a Breakfast ride with Tim on October 2, the second Slimey Crud Run with Tim, a day ride on October 9, Tim leading an All-Day ride on October 16, and an after-Chapter Meeting ride on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget the Chili Social hosted by Barb and Ed Harms the day before the Chapter Meeting.

The hardy souls will find a few good days in November for a lunch ride or the elusive color ride and just a good ride on a crispy Fall day, before it's time to put our trusty bikes to rest for their Winter hibernations. Until then, ride safe, be safe and have fun.

Mike Zyskowski,  
Tim McGuire and  
Tony Valicenti

## District Educator

**W**ell, this starts out as a THANKS to MSG(Retired) Daniel “Dan” C. Davis service to our country and his service to our GWRRA for promoting safety both as a trainer to paratroopers and many of you as a rider course instructor. He was laid to rest September 24, 2021 in the Rock Island National Cemetery. His expertise was in instructing many of us in the safe riding of our motorcycles both in Illinois or the surrounding states and Wing Dings. He will truly be missed; that big grin on his face, which could be construed that he may be working something up to get you. He spent many a summer on the parking lots training us, taking time away from his family. Please send a card of thanks to Linda Sue for sharing her husband those many times he was away training. Remember to get your head right before putting that leg over the seat.

Linda Davis  
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Steve Brungard

## Under the Helmet-Meet the Rider

### A profile of Gary Cueno

#### What motorcycles have you owned and what memories do you associate with each?

I have ridden motorcycles since I was 12. My first motorcycle was a **Yamaha 50cc Mini Enduro** shared with my younger brother Bruce. My parents purchased the Mini Enduro in Flagstaff, AZ where my brother and I took turns honing our ne-scient cycling skills through trails and hills in surrounding wilderness areas, and then back home in Glenview.

My second bike was a **1971 Suzuki TS-125 Duster**. After a few near brushes with the law riding on streets and nearby parks, we retreated to the quarries near Aptakisic Road in Wheeling, and prairies that once existed in Glenview, Lake Forest and many nearby suburbs. After tiring of the same lots/trails, my friends and I gravitated to motocross courses in Elkhorn, WI and Byron, IL. We soon realized that our timid 125cc trail bikes were no match for the more powerful 250 and 400 Husqvarnas and Maicos we competed against. That led to the first of two **Maico 250s** which I rode until needing something more practical.

My fifth bike was a **1975 Honda CB500T**. The CB500T was a practical bike that took me from my fraternity to classrooms on the other side of campus. The CB500T lasted nearly 15 years until what was (and probably still is) my favorite bike, a **1995 Yamaha 750 Virago**. The Virago had just enough power and comfort to make trips to New Brunswick, Prince Edwards Island, Cabot Trail, Nova Scotia, New England, Blue Ridge Parkway, Big Bend National Park, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Glacier National Park, Black Hills, Santa Fe/Taos, Circle Lake Michigan and Lake Superior, Canada and countless other places.

Eventually, the Virago wore out leading to my existing bike, a 2004 Honda Goldwing. Although I only have 42K miles, my Gold Wing has taken me on many great trips including visiting more than 25 National Parks in the US and Canada. And perhaps most importantly, the Goldwing introduced me to the many great members and rides with G2 and GWRRA!



#### Describe your favorite motorcycle trip

I have two. My first favorite is also my first motorcycle trip. Despite having never ridden more than 200 miles in a single day before this trip, my Virago took me to Glacier National Park, Alberta, Canada, Flathead Lake, Boseman, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Black Hills, Mt Rushmore and the Badlands – a total of 4,500 miles in 8 days.

My second favorite trip was a 9-day loop on my Gold Wing to Monument Valley, five Utah National Parks, Hwy 12, Great Basin NP, Sun Valley, ID, Bitterroot Mtns, Yellowstone, Black Hills and Mt. Rushmore for a total of 5,400 miles. The trip included the most miles ridden in one day (1,201) and most awesome scenery (southern Utah).

#### What are the top two motorcycle trips you'd like to take in the future?

The eight National Parks in Alaska and Dalton Hwy is my top choice. I had originally planned on doing this trip when I turned 50 but work and family had other thoughts. I still hope to make this trip one day. This trip will get me closer to my life goal of visiting all 63 National Parks.

My second choice is a coastal ride from the Outer Banks south through Myrtle Beach, Charleston, Savannah, St Augustine, Miami, Florida Keys and Key West. I've visited all these places in a car but never on motorcycle.

#### When did you join G2 and why?

I joined GWRRA shortly after purchasing my Gold Wing in 2004 while at the Motorcycle Show in Rosemont. I joined G2 several years later and formed a bond with like minded riders. I particularly enjoy the well planned longer rides G2 does led by Tim McGuire and Jim Fairman.

#### What have been your primary jobs in your career?

I am a tax and estate planning attorney and CPA devoting my early career to assisting major corporations and individuals with tax preparation, planning and advice. My mid and late career shifted focus to assisting high and ultra-high net worth individuals and families setting goals, developing plans, and implementing strategies over multiple generations. Past employers included Ernst & Young, Northern Trust, Bank of America, Foley & Lardner and JPMorgan Chase.

#### What are your primary hobbies?

My primary hobbies are bicycle riding, downhill skiing, serving on not-for-profit Boards, and motorcycling of course! Before my left knee gave out, I was a long-distance runner completing 14 marathons, six 200-mile relay races and 40+ half marathons.

# September Rides

We had a great breakfast ride to Whitewater, Wisconsin on September 11. The weather was beautiful for our trip through the Turtle Valley Wildlife area and a short jaunt across a vitrified brick road in Delavan. Our group of 10 including three new people enjoyed a great meal at Jessica's Family Restaurant after about 90 minutes in the saddle.



Tim McGuire

The day ride on September 12 was planned for 272 miles, departing Fox Lake at 8 am, to Air Venture Museum in Oshkosh, WI via county roads. The group spent 90 minutes at the museum and then an hour at an outdoor riverside lunch stop in downtown Oshkosh. The museum and lunch stops were great! The planned return route followed a different series of county roads with a stop for custard at Kopps in Waukeshau. All but the ride leader abandoned that planned return route, opting for highway driving.



Jim Fairman

Our after meeting group ride on the September 26 was a huge success! The weather was just perfect for 13 of us to follow a curvy route with some roller coaster hills and end up with ice cream at the new Hansen's Ice Cream Parlor in Wilmot. It was great to see Tony piloting his trusty red wing again. Welcome back Tony!



Tim McGuire

# September 26 Meeting Minutes

Ellary Kahan called the monthly chapter meeting to order at 9:30am at The Vernon Hills IHOP, our new meeting location. The meeting was attended by Andy Toth, Bob Manion, Dan Meyer, David Bierman, Ellary Kahan, Gary Cueno, Glenn Hansen, Kathy & Warren Randall, Larry MacKay, Liz & Jim Kaese, Mark and Linda Muhlenfeld, Paul & Geri Konczak, Tim McGuire, and Tony Valicenti.

Ellary started by briefly reviewing upcoming rides. There will be an after-meeting ride today (Tim) a breakfast ride on October 2 (Tim), the Slimey Crud Run on October 3 (Tim), a ride on October 9 (Dan) in place of the Door County trip (see below), and an all-day ride on October 16 (Tim). Tim will be a busy man this month. October will end with a Chili Social at the home of Ed and Barb Harms on October 23 and our Chapter meeting on October 24 at the IHOP in Vernon Hills, with a ride after, weather permitting.

Ellary explained that the Door County trip scheduled for Columbus Day weekend (10/9-10/11) had to be canceled because Tony was unable to find adequate lodging for two nights anywhere north of Kewaunee. Because of the need for earlier advance booking, this trip will be rescheduled for the same weekend in 2022.

Ellary announced that due to renovation of the Vernon Hills Country Club dining room, it will not be possible to have our annual Holiday Party there this year. Some members suggested other venues. Bob Manion suggested the Villa Park Community Center, David and others had other suggestions. We will need a room for about 30 people on the first or second Saturday in December at a reasonable price. Please transmit possible locations to Kathy Randall.

David reviewed recommended riding postures for good road handling. Although a reclined position against the backrest is relaxing for long rides on the tollway, it is better to assume a more forward position for turns and low speed maneuvers. Riding more forward toward the tank allows the rider to be closer to the handlebars and in better control of the motorcycle. He also suggested that applying pressure to the outside peg on curves and turns while putting pressure with that knee against the tank will make taking that curve or turn easier. Pressing on the footrest lowers the center of gravity from your seat to that peg, and the lowering of the center of gravity will keep the bike better balanced in the turn or curve along with better traction.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON Oct. 24, 2021 at IHOP, Vernon Hills**



Respectfully  
Submitted,

Tony Valicenti  
Secretary



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## CHILI SOCIAL

Saturday, Oct. 23

### PLEASE JOIN US!

The festivities start at 5:30 PM

Ed and Barb Harms home

18 Whitby Ct., Lincolnshire

Hot mulled cider, water and coffee will be provided.  
BYOB any other beverage you would enjoy.

The food we need for this event includes:

2 Hors 'd oeuvres

1 Chili

3 Salads/Sides

2 Desserts

Please call or text if you can bring one of these items

RSVP by Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> to 847-910-2031

or [barbharm@comcast.net](mailto:barbharm@comcast.net)





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Saturday, Oct. 23rd  
5:30 PM

**FOOD SIGN-UP SHEET**

Please put your name and what you are bringing

**Hors d'oeuvre:**

1. Barb Harms – Cheese and Sausage platter

2.

3.

**Side dish/Salad:**

4.

5.

6.

**Dessert:**

7.

8.

Please put your name and type of chili (i.e. vegetarian, meat, etc.)

**Chili:**

9. Barb Harms – Beefy

10. Ellary Kahan - vegetarian

11.

Chili Fixings, Hot mulled cider, water, coffee and tea will be provided.

**BYOB all other beverages**

## VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY: RANDOM RAMBLINGS

Though there is not a lot of delineation between the seasons here in Arizona, there is some: the flowers on our Desert Willow trees are ceasing to produce new blooms, soon they will shed their thin leaves, and other desert flowers cease to bloom as well. The temperatures become a lot more tolerable, and today they are accompanied by beautiful breezes and light rain. And though we don't have to rake leaves out here like we did in Illinois, there was an awe to it that I remember after raking for many years. In fact, back in 2007 I had written a poem about it.

### *THE ROMANCE OF FALL*

*I used to hate fall: leaves to rake,  
cold to come.*

*Raking those leaves of late*



*On a bright sunny 68-degree day,  
I came to realize  
How fall and trees  
Like to flirt with the leaves;  
Makes you think you are done,  
But then comes another one.  
One came gently down  
And soft-kissed my ear,  
All the while daunting  
me,  
There's more where I  
came from.*



*Leaving me to realize  
That this raking-leaves rela-  
tionship will be lasting for a while.*

Darlene Parks

## The Good Book Guide

I'm still working through John Sandford's Virgil Flowers series. In *Escape Clause* he's on the trail of those who stole two rare Amur tigers from the Minnesota zoo. He's on the clock to find them before they are killed as their body parts are worth a fortune in Chinese medicine as home remedies. In the meantime, Sparkle, the sister of his girlfriend Frankie, shows up to move in for the summer. But her research into migrant workers turns ugly as she finds those who don't want to be researched.



Read it and enjoy it.

Ellary Kahan