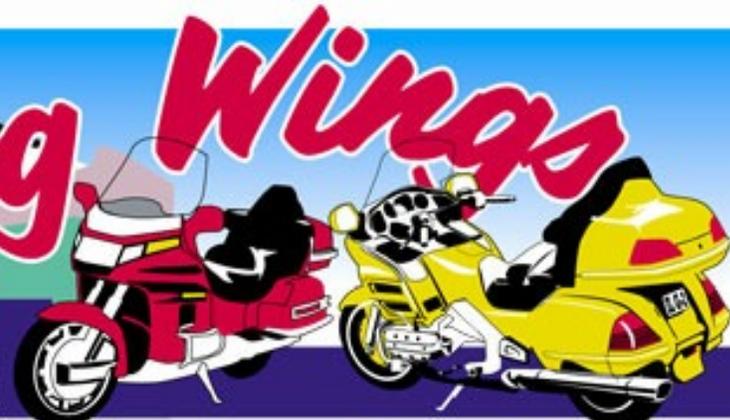


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IL-G2 NEWSLETTER



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*GoldWing Road Riders Association - February, 2022
Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge*

We start on a sad note. Our condolences go out to David Bierman and his family on the passing of his father, Arthur, who was 98. May he rest in peace.

All who attended the January dinner at Mambo Italiano in Mundelein enjoyed the food and the waiter. Thanks to Tony Valicenti for arranging that event and read his recap on page 4.

Our Individual of the Year, Tim McGuire, went to the Illinois district's Winter Warm Up and competed for the district's IOY and won. Congratulations, Tim. He also accepted an Assistant District Director position representing northern Illinois and chapters L and G2. (I guess that makes him my boss? Hmm!) We wish him the best of luck in this position. He is also continuing in his position with our ride committee. Check out his article on page 3.

Our birthday and anniversary section has gotten pretty slim lately. So if you are relatively new to G2 please send me your birthday and anniversary dates so I can include you. I don't need the year, just the month and day.

Our February dinner is at the Gale Street Inn. This restaurant has always had great food. New owners took over last year and they have made many upgrades to the restaurant. This is a great time to take your sweetheart out for dinner for Valentines Day! See the details on page 7.

Stay safe, healthy and keep warm.

Ellary and Holly Kahan

Chapter Meetings are held at the Full Moon Restaurant, 1300 Skokie Hwy, Lake Bluff, 9 AM breakfast, 9:30 meeting.



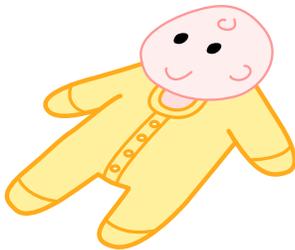
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February Birthdays

- 3 — Rich Seligman
Terry King
- 23 — Ellary Kahan



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

February

12 - Dinner Gale Street Inn, Mundelein, 6 PM (Muhlenfeld)

27 - Chapter Gathering

March

12 - Dinner (Gilsinger)

27 - Chapter Gathering

April

9 - Dinner (Randall)

24 - Chapter Gathering

30 - Wrenching Day, Toyoda

May

1 - Slimey Crud run

7 - Breakfast Ride

14 - Dinner Ride, Wrenching day rain date

22 - Chapter Gathering

28 - All Day Ride (Fairman)

29 - Lunch Ride

June

4 - Breakfast Ride

11 - Dinner Ride (Bierman)

12 - Chapter Gathering

18 - All Day Ride (Fairman)

24-26 - Amazing Challenge

July

2 - Breakfast Ride

9 - Dinner Ride

23 - All Day Ride

24 - Chapter Gathering

August

6 - Breakfast Ride

13 - Dinner Ride (McGuire)

20 - All Day Ride (Fairman)

28 - Chapter Picnic (Gilsinger)

September

3-5 - Door County Trip (Valicenti, Bierman)

17 - All Day Ride (Fairman)

25 - Chapter Gathering

October

1 - Breakfast Ride

2 - Slimey Crud run

15 - Chili Social (Harms)

23 - Chapter Gathering

November

12 - Dinner (Kahan)

20 Chapter Gathering/2023 Planning

December

3 - 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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Illinois District Winter Warm Up

The weekend of Jan 21 and 22 was a busy time during this cold winter. The Illinois District had its Winter Warm Up called "Under the Big Top-The Three Wing Circus". Eighty-six people traveled from their home chapters to Springfield, IL to attend the Warm Up. It was a combination of some work and play which made the Three Wing Circus idea very apropos.

I attended the Warm Up for two reasons. After being selected as Chapter G2 Individual of the Year at the holiday party last month, I was contacted by the District Membership Enhancement Coordinators and asked if I wanted to compete at the District Level for IOY. As GWRRA has been a great organization to be a part of, I wanted to get to know people at the district level. So I had to compose a resume and meet with judges from Indiana and Wisconsin in order to be considered. After interviews and a brief interview on stage, I was selected as IL District 2022 Individual of the Year and one couple,



was selected as IL District Couple of the Year. The other reason I wanted to go to the Warm Up was that I was interested in a District position. I met with Assistant Chapter Directors and people from the Membership Enhancement Program and the Motorist Awareness Program. I will now be the Assistant District Director for the Chicagoland region. I will be serving Chapters G2 and L of Rockford.

The weekend also included a variety of Rider Education classes throughout the day. We were treated to a presentation on motorcycle safety techniques by motivational speaker and Illinois State Trooper Joey Watson. There was a scavenger hunt, a raffle, and talent show. About eight or ten of the Chapters also put on skits for the audience. It became quite a circus seeing many of the chapter members dressed up in a variety of cirque costumes.



Tim McGuire

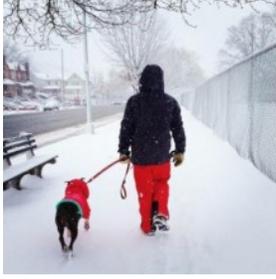
January Dinner

On a cold and windy January night, ten staunch G2 diners (Errol & Dee Westergaard, Jim & Liz Kaese, Marge & Larry MacKay, Mark & Linda Muhlenfeld, Tim McGuire, and Tony Valicenti) gathered at Mambo Italiano, 748 Butterfield Road, Mundelein, IL for a good Italian dinner.

Mambo Italiano opened 17 years ago and is a family-owned restaurant featuring an expanded setting with chandeliers and arched doorways and tables with white cloth tablecloths and napkins. The restaurant is dedicated to preserving the owner, Salvatore's recipes from his childhood, and includes traditional and newer upscale dinners. Jim Kaese started the evening with a toast for the evening with wishes for a good year. Our attentive Sicilian waiter, Robert, recited the extensive weekend special dishes that piqued our interest and many of us ordered these. Tim and I split a bowl of fresh, tasty mussels with a spicy red sauce and garlic toast. Dee, Liz and I enjoyed the salmon, others had spaghetti and ravioli dishes and Errol enjoyed a plate of ribs. The portions were large and most of us had some to take home. A few of us had espresso, cappuccino or coffee to end the night (most were too full for dessert) and a friend of Liz Kaese took our group photo. We all enjoyed the first G2 dinner of the new year and look forward to returning sometime soon.

Tony Valicenti





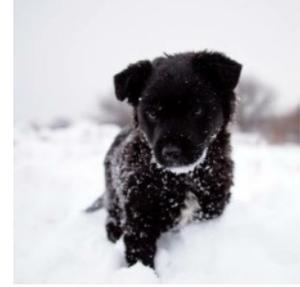
Dog Days of Winter

By Mike Plumeri

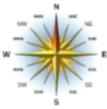
Here we are, its February 1st .

I'm ready for winter to end!

Normally most of us would be making our annual visit to the Chicagoland motorcycle show.



But not this year, Covid 19 is still with us. So what is one to do? A few weeks ago, I decided to start getting my wing ready for the 2022 season. I did a full 120K service, it helps that I have a heated garage. But I didn't just perform that service, I also took the time to do my once a year wheel polishing. As president of the keep it clean club, I just can't show up at the first chapter ride this spring with dirty wheels. Ask yourself "What maintenance do I need to do to my bike before spring?" Maybe its tires and brakes, or just an oil change. Many of us do our own service, and some have a guy or our favorite dealer. Question is, will your machine be ready for spring?



Amazing Challenge 2022 Update.



Pre-registration for this summer's Amazing Challenge opened on December 1st 2021, and so far 28 of our 30 hotel rooms are gone. We have 35 total motorcycles from 9 different states with a current head count of 49 riders. If needed, I can get 2 extra rooms at the Madison Marriott West. If you are unaware riders will have two different rides to choose from this year. You might choose the 330 mile Southwestern Driftless tour. Or riders may choose the 445 mile Northern Extreme tour. If you were on the fence about joining us this June 24th-26th you should contact me sooner than later..... Mike Plumeri

Join me and hundreds of others this summer.

Tour of honor

Tour of Honor is a great reason to hit the open road, honor our nation's heroes, and contribute to a few good charities. The event is a season-long, self-directed ride to memorials and monuments around the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii. Beginning April 1, visit as many sites as you want, with any route you choose.

Learn more by visiting www.tourofhonor.com



January 23 Meeting Minutes

Ellary Kahan called the first monthly chapter meeting of 2022 and the first meeting at our new meeting place, the Full Moon Restaurant to order at 9:15 am while we were waiting for our breakfast orders to be served. The meeting was attended by Ed Harms, Ellary Kahan, Kathy & Warren Randall, Mark Muhlenfeld, Tim McGuire, and Tony Valicenti.

The meeting began by an announcement by Mark that David Bierman's father had passed away in his sleep on Saturday, January 22. Mr. Bierman lived a good life and will be missed by all who had the good fortune to know him. David will be returning to the area to arrange the services with his sister and family.

Tim began the meeting with a report of his attendance at the GWRRA Illinois District Warm-up in Springfield on January 21-22. The event consisted of about 86 people from about 12 Illinois chapters and Tim represented the G2 Chapter as the Individual of the Year Award recipient. Tim was also appointed by Bob Adams as the Assistant Director of the Northeast Illinois region for the current year. Ellary received his Certificate of Appointment as chapter director for the last eight years. Tim said that there was a carnival theme for the event and several chapters presented skits. Joey Watson, an Illinois State Trooper gave a presentation of motorcycle safety and Tim took a course in member recruitment and retention.

Mark reminded us that the next G2 Dinner Ride (ride if you dare!) will be at the Gale Street Inn in Mundelein on February 12. Mark praised their ribs and other specialties. The Inn is under new ownership and they will set up for a group of 20, so let's all come out for a good time.

Kathy gave an annual Treasurer's summary and said that we are in the black, but slightly less so than at the same time last year.

Tony discussed the Door County Labor Day ride for September 3-5. In order to get some decent rooms in a good place at a reasonable price, we need to make our reservations now, or we will be shut out as we were last year. Almost all present said that they were planning to go, and Tony asked Ellary to send an email to the group to see who is planning to go, so we can secure rooms in a common place as soon as we can.

The meeting was adjourned around 10:15.

Stay warm and keep healthy and happy and enjoy each other and the winter snow.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON February 27, 2022.



Respectfully

Submitted,

Tony Valicenti

Join us for

Dinner

on

Saturday, February 12

6 PM

at

Gale Street Inn

935 Diamond Lake Rd.

Mundelein

847 566 1090

R.S.V.P.

to

Mark Muhlenfeld

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by

Wed., Feb. 9

FEBRUARY: LOVE AND NOSTALGIA

As most everyone knows, February is heart month per the American Heart Association, and then of course, there is Valentine's Day. I am looking at this month as a way of giving my heartfelt thanks to all the friends Dan and I have made in G2 over the years. Being an introvert, it takes me awhile to be comfortable in a group, but those of you who know me (and some who don't except by correspondence) have made me feel comfortable after a few short get-togethers, and especially after our first ride, which was to Door County. I look upon all our past get-togethers and rides with much fondness.

When we moved to Arizona, I knew exactly two people out here: One was Dan's good friend whom he grew up with in his neighborhood, and one was a co-worker of mine at Con-dell Medical Center. But this was a far cry from the many friends and family I had in Illinois. There were my neighbors, my hospital co-workers, my College of Lake County co-workers where I tutored writing, my friends from other

The Good Book Guide

Those of you reading Diana Gabaldon's Outlander series will be happy to know that the ninth book in the series, *Go Tell the Bees That I Have Gone*, has now been published.

The book picks up where the last one left off. It's 1779 and Jamie and Claire have returned to Fraser's Ridge after Claire recovered from being shot in the American Revolution's battle of Monmouth. Brianna and Roger have returned from the future with their children. They went back to the 1980's when Jeremiah required surgery that couldn't be done with 18th century technology.

Although not directly in the fighting, Jamie has to deal with the split loyalties of his tenants, knowing that it won't be long until the revolution comes to Fraser's Ridge. Brianna and Roger are worried that the dangers that provoked their escape from the future may follow them to the 1700's. William Ransom, Jamie's bastard son, is still coming to grips with the truth of his parentage.

Although 1400 pages long, this was a pleasure to read. Diana Gabaldon makes you feel at home with the characters and the setting with detailed descriptions of each. And you also get a feel for understanding the Gaelic phrases that she includes (no there is no translation).

She is currently writing the tenth book in the series and promises it won't take seven years to complete. She has said that it usually take her five years to write one of these novels. But COVID and her responsibilities to the TV series took much of her time away from writing. If you haven't started reading this series, check out her web site at www.dianagabaldon.com.

And for those of you following the TV series, the sixth season premieres March 6 on Starz.



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Girls Too

The View from the Back

places, and of course, you at G2. My first year here was difficult; I felt isolated and alone.

While that situation has significantly improved, I am absolutely thrilled when I hear from some of you, whether by email, social media, or when a few of you phone to get together when you are in the area seeing family or other friends. Plus, we were blessed when Karen and Larry Bourque from G2 not only moved to AZ, but to our town!

So, as I'm feeling this wave of nostalgia, I just wanted to say thanks for many years of friendship and of wonderful memories. Happy February, and I also wish you all happy and healthy hearts!

Darlene Parks



Ellary Kahan