

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



# Chapter Illinois G2

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We enjoyed the dinner on November 11 at Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano in Deer Park. The food was excellent although the parking was sparse due to Santa Claus visiting the shopping center. Thanks to Gary Wanke for planning this dinner.



With this issue we unveil our 2024 calendar (see the next page). We have our usual dinner and breakfast rides and chapter meetings. There are some other events worthy of your attention. Our chapter is planning a trip to West Virginia in June. The riding in the area is great and this trip will be fun. We are planning to attend the EWMA Rendezvous this year in Green Bay, Wisconsin, Aug. 29-31. Last year's Rendezvous was excellent and this year's is expected to be even better. We have a few all day rides. The Illinois District's Winter Warmup is in Springfield on Jan. 26 to 27. And Wing'd Rider is having a ride-in to the Galena area in May. Note that some dates are tentative and subject to change.

You may read this in time to attend our last social event of the year: our Holiday Party on December 2. It's held at the Continental Restaurant in Buffalo Grove. The chapter supplies the appetizers. You order your meal off the menu and pay for it yourself. Our gift exchange is a lot of fun and we are doing something new this year. So you won't want to miss it. And bring a gift for each individual as only those who bring a gift will be directly involved in the game.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

We hope to see you soon.

Ellary and Holly Kahan

# G2 WEB PAGE

[www.ilg2.com](http://www.ilg2.com)

## G2 PHOTO ALBUM

Under construction



### December Birthdays

- 2 — Barb Harms
- 17 — Holly 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](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. No space between paragraphs. 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

### December

2 - Holiday Party

### 2024

### January

13 - Dinner, Valicenti

26-27 - Ill. District Winter Warmup, Springfield

28 - Chapter meeting

### February

10 - Dinner, Kahan

25 - Chapter meeting

### March

9 - Dinner, Donato

24 - Chapter meeting

### April

13 - Dinner, Manion

28 - Chapter meeting

### May

4 - Breakfast ride. McGuire

11 - Dinner ride, Natenberg

16-18 - Wing'd Rider Ride In, Galena

19 - Chapter meeting

25 - Memorial Day Ride

### June

1 - Breakfast ride, Cueno

8 - Dinner ride, Bierman

23 - Chapter meeting

24-July 2 - W. VA Trip

### July

6 - Breakfast Ride, Valicenti

13 - Dinner ride, Muhlenfeld

14 - Ill. State Police Ride

28 - Chapter meeting

### August

3 - Breakfast ride, Natenberg

10 - Dinner ride, Prime Quarter, Kahan

17 - Day ride, Natenberg

25 - Picnic

29-31 EWMA Rendezvous, Green Bay

### September

7 - Breakfast ride, McGuire

14 - Dinner ride, Donato

22 - Chapter meeting

### October

5 - Breakfast ride

19 - Chili social, Harms

27 - Chapter meeting

### November

9 - Dinner, Wanke

24 - Chapter meeting

### December

7 - Holiday Party, Randall

## EWMA Store

Order from [mysticalmoment.biz](http://mysticalmoment.biz)  
Our shirt color is royal blue.

Our EWMA logo color is 205 yellow with a white eagle.

The right chest is "Chapter Illinois G2" in 205 yellow.

To order name badges contact Tony Valicenti.

## EWMA

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

# Ride Coordinator

I hope everyone enjoyed time with friends and family over the Thanksgiving holiday and weekend. It's nice to see some snow as we get ready for the winter season.

November has been a nice month for our G2 group. Since the weather has started to get colder and the sun seems to go to bed earlier than usual, we have not had many riding opportunities. But that hasn't stopped us. We had a very nice dinner at Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano in Deer Park. It was a new restaurant for us and it was hosted by Gary Wanke. Although there were only fifteen of us seated at the dinner table, the parking lot was completely full and several of us had to park at the mall across the street. Unbeknownst to us Gary had secretly arranged a visit from Santa and a display of fireworks for the town of Deer Park! A good time was had by all.

Thanks for hosting the evening Gary!

At our November Gathering David asked us to go around the table and tell the group of our favorite rides of the year. This produced a wide variety of responses. There was a Veteran's Ride, the ride to Americade, the Rendezvous in Knoxville, an Illinois State Police escorted ride, a couple of Rustic Roads rides, and Mark's west coast trip of 5700 miles in twenty-nine days. Rider's individual miles ranged from 500 to 15,000 for the entire season. Just considering the mileage of those that responded we had a combined total of nearly 50,000 miles in a riding season. Not bad for an area that often times has a shorter riding season than others.

As we put the bikes in for hibernation for the winter, we have some things to look forward to in the future. In the end of January we have the annual Winter Warm Up down in Springfield. There will be a Co-Rider class and a presentation by Joey Watson, a member of the Illinois State Police. In May we have a new event, Wing'd Riders first Annual Northern Illinois Ride In. This was created by some former fellow Illinois District members and is a chance to get together again and explore Galena, Illinois and areas along the Mississippi River. It will include games and both Guided and Self Guided Rides. Also mark your calendars for next year's Rendezvous in Green Bay.

Until next month take good care and count down the days until the next ride.

Tim McGuire



# Educator

David Bierman continued his discussion from the last meeting about managing risks and described a situation on Rt. 41 in which a driver executed a U-Turn and took it wide enough cause a motorcyclist riding in the far-right lane to fatally crash into the rear of his car. David warned the group that U-Turns, once rarely seen, are now becoming more common, so if you see a car with his left turn signal on, the driver may be considering a U-Turn, rather than a simple left turn. Ellary said that Illinois permits a U-Turn wherever a left turn is legal. (The exception to this rule is the city of Chicago where U-turns are only legal when there is a sign specifying so. Ed.) However, many of us have seen U-Turns made illegally, so beware of this hazard. Steve Donato said that years of driving a truck have trained him to evaluate an intersection from a distance, long before he arrives at it, to plan his strategy and escape plans, if needed. He also said many drivers maintain too high a speed when approaching an intersection with a red light, instead of reducing their speed in advance, like the truckers (and school bus drivers) do.

The group agreed on several good practices for preparing your bike for storage at the end of the riding season, including:

- Cleaning the bugs and other gunk off the bike
- Going for a ride and putting the appropriate amount of Stabil or Seafoam (depending on the amount of fuel in the tank) to the gas, allowing it to work its way through the fuel system
- Filling the tires to spec or a little more than spec pressure
- Storing the bike on the center stand
- Avoiding parking on concrete (concrete dehydrates the tires)
- Covering the bike
- Plugging in a battery maintainer (NOT A CHARGER). Everyone agreed that just starting the bike in the garage and running it for 5 minutes fills the exhaust system with moisture and leads to corrosion.
- Using a rodent deterrent to avoid the critters building a nest in your air box. Some deterrents include Bounce sheets and natural mouse repellents such as Fresh Cab Rodent Repellant (available at Menard's or from Amazon) as well as Lazy Cat Rodent Repellant (available from Amazon).

# November 19 Meeting Minutes

Chapter Director Ellary Kahan called the November monthly chapter meeting to order at the Full Moon Restaurant at 9:30 am. The meeting was attended by Andy Toth, Bob Manion, David Bierman, Ed Harms, Ellary Kahan, Gary Cueno, Gary Wanke, Glenn Hansen, Greg Natenberg, Mark Muhlenfeld, Steve Donato, Tim McGuire, Tony Valicenti and Warren Randall.

Ellary began the meeting by describing the well-attended dinner at Biagi's in Deer Park, arranged by Gary Wanke, who was thoughtful enough to invite Santa and a display of fireworks to start the holiday season. The dinner was great and the parking lot was full. We also had a nice lunch ride led by Tim to the Woodfire Tavern on Saturday, October 28, probably the last G2 ride of the year. Tim said that the EWMA Winter warmup is scheduled for January 26-27 and will be held in Springfield. There will be a co-rider class and a seminar by Joey Watson, Illinois State Police. A ride-in, a new event, will be hosted by Wing'd Riders May 16-18 in Galena, with rides to Wisconsin and Iowa. This will be a good ride and a chance to see old friends.

David continued his discussion from the last meeting about managing risks. See the details on the previous page including the discussion that followed about storing your bike.

Several members said that Shell claims that their Rotella T6 oil lasts 500,000 miles in a motorcycle, and you only need to change the filter and top it off. We don't recommend this, certainly not in a bike that doesn't burn oil, and Shell doesn't offer any warranty. It also can't be used in 2018+ Gold Wings as the viscosity is 5W-40.

People had various preferences in tires. Some liked Avon tires, some like the Dunlop Elite 4, others either love or hate Bridgestone tires.

Ellary recommended the Yuasa battery. Tony had a Yuasa put in his 2002 at the 2014 Wing Ding, and it's still functioning. Probably not a record.

David asked the group to tell us about their favorite ride this past riding season. Glenn said the Veteran's Ride was his favorite. Andy said that he rode 11,228 miles and liked Americade, Knoxville and other rides and stayed off the Interstates. Tim enjoyed the IL State Police ride recommended by Greg. A nice, long police-escorted ride. Bob has ridden it many times. He said that it is always well-organized and safe. Tony enjoyed a Rustic Road Ride with Tim and showed the group the patch that Wisconsin sent them both for riding 10 Rustic Roads. Everyone that rode to Americade praised the routing and stops designed by Gary, Gary and Tim. Mark said it was his solo West Coast trip of 5700 miles in 29 days. Concerning miles logged this season, Ellary rode 10,200 miles. Tony put almost 4000 miles on his Spyder this year. Gary W. about 7000. Tim ride about 7000, Mark around 15,000, Bob about 3000, Ed about 500.

Ellary hopes that we have a good turnout at the Annual Holiday Party at the Continental Restaurant in Buffalo Grove on December 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am, and a smaller group stayed for the 2024 planning

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON  
January 28, 2024.**



Respectfully

Submitted,

Tony Valicenti



Good friends and good cheer,  
It's that time of year!  
Please join us for IL G2's

# Annual Holiday Party

Saturday, December 2

The Continental  
788 S. Buffalo Grove Rd.  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m.  
Provided by G2

Cash Bar

**Dinner to be ordered off the Menu and paid for by the Attendees**

RSVP by Saturday, November 18  
Kathy Randall  
randall8157@aol.com  
or text 847-322-8157

## Holiday Gift Exchange

This is optional

But those that wish to participate should bring a  
\$15.00 holiday gift wrapped, without tags for the exchange.

We are planning a new game this year.

Fun will be had by all who participate!



# *Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association*

## ILLINOIS DISTRICT

W I N T E R  
*Warm Up*  
2024



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FRIENDS ❄️ GAMES ❄️ FUN

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Wear your favorite costume

CRAFT CLASS

BEAN BAG BASEBALL

RAFFLES

50/50

GAMES

MOVIE NIGHT

# EWMA - ILLINOIS DISTRICT WINTER WARM UP 2024

Rider \_\_\_\_\_ EWMA# \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_ EWMA# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Position Held \_\_\_\_\_

## FULL REGISTRATION INCLUDES SATURDAY DINNER

Registration for EWMA Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for Non-Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Day Pass available at the Registration desk Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Members \$15.00      Non-Members \$20.00 (No Dinner)

*We agree to conform and comply with the rules governing this event and further agree to hold harmless EWMA, co-sponsoring organizations, or any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this event. I/we agree to assume all responsibilities for any property I/we damage. I/we have read and agree with all stipulations on this entry form.*

### FORM MUST BE SIGNED BELOW BY ALL REGISTRANTS

Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Make checks payable to:** Illinois District

**Mail Registrations to:**

Steve Gottschalk

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**Or contact any: IL District Team Member**

**FRIDAY**

Jan 26<sup>th</sup>

**SATURDAY**

Jan 27<sup>th</sup>



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# The Good Book Guide

The synopsis of J. D. Robb's *Desperation In Death* from her web site:

New York, 2061: The place called the Pleasure Academy is a living nightmare where abducted girls are trapped, trained for a life of abject service while their souls are slowly but surely destroyed. Dorian, a thirteen-year-old runaway who'd been imprisoned there, might never have made it out if not for her fellow inmate Mina, who'd hatched the escape plan. Mina was the more daring of the two—but they'd been equally desperate.

Unfortunately, they didn't get away fast enough. Now Dorian is injured, terrified, and wandering the streets of New York, and Mina lies dead near the waterfront while Lt. Eve Dallas looks over the scene.

Mina's expensive, elegant clothes and beauty products convince Dallas that she was being groomed, literally and figuratively, for sex trafficking—and that whoever is investing in this high-overhead operation expects windfall profits. Her billionaire husband, Roarke, may be able to help, considering his ties to the city's ultra-rich. But Roarke is also worried about the effect this case is having on Dallas, as it brings a rage to the surface she can barely control. No matter what, she must keep her head clear—because above all, she is desperate for justice and to take down those who prey on and torment the innocent.

I wish I had the imagination that Nora Roberts has. If I did I'd be a novelist like her. It's difficult to be critical of her novels as they are all well written and intriguing. This one is no exception. I hope you'll enjoy it as much as I did.

Here is the synopsis of J. D. Robb's *Encore In Death* from her web site:

It was a glittering event full of A-listers, hosted by Eliza Lane and Brant Fitzhugh, a celebrity couple who'd conquered both Hollywood and Broadway. And now Eve Dallas has made her entrance—but not as a guest. After raising a toast, Fitzhugh fell to the floor and died, with physical symptoms pointing to cyanide, and the police have crashed the party.

From all accounts, he wasn't the kind of star who made enemies. Everyone loved him— even his ex-wife. And since the champagne cocktail that killed him was originally intended for Eliza, it's possible she was the real target, with a recently fired assistant, a bitter rival, and an obsessed fan in the picture. With so many attendees, staff, and servers, Eve has her work cut out

determining who committed murder in the middle of the crowd—and what was their motivation. As one who's not fond of the spotlight herself, she dreads the media circus surrounding a case like this. All she wants is to figure out who's truly innocent, and who's only acting that way...



Again, another great read from Nora Roberts. Not much for me to say except you'll enjoy it.

Jonathan Kellerman is a renowned, successful child psychologist whose background is similar to that of his character Alex Delaware. He has written over forty-four novels. Alex lives with his girlfriend Robin, who repairs and restores musical instruments, and their French Bulldog Blanche. He teams Alex with Detective Lieutenant Milo Sturgis, who calls on Alex when cases are weird. The prose is full of enjoyable banter between the two friends as they discuss possible scenarios of the crime. The perpetrator is never obvious in these stories, which can keep the reader guessing.

The synopsis of *Serpentine* from his web site:

LAPD homicide lieutenant Milo Sturgis is a master detective. He has a near-perfect solve rate and he's written his own rule book. Some of those successes—the toughest ones—have involved his best friend, the brilliant psychologist Alex Delaware. But Milo doesn't call Alex in unless cases are "different."

This murder warrants an immediate call. Milo's independence has been compromised as never before, as the department pressures him to cater to the demands of a mogul: a hard-to-fathom, megarich young woman who is obsessed with reopening the coldest of cases—the decades-old death of the mother she never knew.

The facts describe a likely loser: a mysterious woman found with a bullet in her head in a torched Cadillac that has overturned on infamously treacherous Mulholland Drive. No physical evidence, no witnesses, no apparent motive. And a slew of detectives have already worked the case and failed. But as Delaware and Sturgis begin digging, the mist begins to lift. Too many coincidences. Facts turn out to be anything but. And as they soon discover, very real threats lurking in the present.

Ellary Kahan