

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



# Chapter Illinois G2

*July, 2023*

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Our Americade trip was great fun. While Americade was a disappointment, the trip was great. We visited Kennebunkport in Maine, Boston, Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Old Lyme, CT and Fallingwater, a home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Our thanks goes out to Tim McGuire, Gary Cueno and Gary Wanke for all the time they spent planning this terrific trip. And especially Gary Cueno, who daily researched details to our travel plans and paid for all the rooms ahead of time making check-in a breeze.

Due to the trip we postponed the June dinner ride to the 17<sup>th</sup>. Tim McGuire's ride to Fitzgerald's in Genoa City was great, as usual. Our thanks to Greg Natenberg for planning the dinner.

Our get well wishes go out to Wendell Quinones who is battling multiple myeloma. He reminds us that this year's annual Riddick Ride Foundation bike run will be on July 8. For more information go to the web site at [www.riddicksride.org](http://www.riddicksride.org).

If you are planning on going to the EWMA Rendevous in Knoxville the end of August, Bob Adams is looking for volunteers to man the 50-50 booth on Friday, 9/1 from 8 to 5 in three hour shifts. Contact Bob at [my1986goldwing@yahoo.com](mailto:my1986goldwing@yahoo.com).

July has a breakfast ride on the 1<sup>st</sup>, a dinner ride on the 8<sup>th</sup>, the chapter meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the EWMA Illinois District Rally on the 27<sup>th</sup> thru the 29<sup>th</sup>. So join us for these.

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



## July Birthdays

- 26 — Jerry Edelman
- 31 — Mathew Ravn

## July Anniversaries

- 2 — Craig & Lonnie Gilsinger



### 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

### July

- 1 - Breakfast Ride
- 8 - Dinner Ride (Gilsinger)
- 23 - Chapter Meeting
- 27-29 - District Rally

### August

- 5 - Breakfast Ride
- 12 - Dinner Ride, Prime Quarter (Kahan)
- 17-19 - Region E Rally
- 27 - Picnic (Cueno)
- 31-Sept 2 - EWMA Rally, Knoxville

### September

- 2 - Breakfast Ride
- 9 - Dinner Ride (Muhlenfeld)
- 17 - Rolling Thunder Ride
- 24 - Chapter Meeting

### October

- 7 - Breakfast Ride
- 14 - Chili Social (Harms)
- 22 - Chapter Meeting

### November

- 11 - Dinner (Wanke)
- 19 - Chapter Meeting/Calendar Planning

### December

- 2 - Holiday Party

## G2 EWMA Store

Choose what you want to order from the EWMA store then contact Greg Natenberg [natenb8@aol.com](mailto:natenb8@aol.com) to place your order. 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

Well here we are again, another new month full of opportunities to gather together and ride. With that in mind, I'll run through the list of rides and follow up with a recap of our world-class trip to Americade and the east coast.

We start the first day of the month early with a breakfast ride to the Southern Belle's Restaurant in Barrington. This new restaurant for us has a menu item called BoNuts. What are they, you might ask? Kickstands up at 8:45 as we ride out there to find out! Then the next weekend Craig will lead us on a dinner ride on July 8th. At this point it is a mystery ride as he has not revealed the location! I'm thinking Mexican?! Two weeks later we'll have an awesome time exploring the backroads of Baraboo on Tim's all-day ride called Devil's Run, but only after a lakeside lunch and a ferry crossing! The last weekend of the month will find us in southern Illinois in a place called Vandalia. Our IL District Rally will offer your choice of a ride to the infamous Moonshine Restaurant or Giant City State Park and Bald Knob. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, games, a light show, and of course ICE CREAM. JT, Ellary, and I went there last year and had a blast.

In August we have a breakfast ride on Saturday the 5th with a location to be determined. The following Saturday is the annual Dinner Ride to the Prime Quarter in Janesville. Ellary will show us the way. We have the EWMA Region E Ride In coming up August 17-19 in La Crosse WI. There will be guided rides, prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. The room rate block is good until July 16th and if you pre-register for the Ride In by July 16, admission is free. Gary Cueno is hosting the annual picnic August 27th in lieu of the August meeting.

In the beginning of the year Gary Cueno, Gary Wanke and I talked about planning a small trip for a few people to Americade for a few days. As we met and discussed all the places we wanted to go we realized that several of the places were on the bucket list of many of our members. So we shared our ideas at our monthly gathering. At first some said they could only make the Rally and then they'd have to return home. As time progressed we found we had seven people who were committed to being on the road for thirteen days and wanted to experience Americade and a tour of the east coast. So we set off at 7:30 am on Memorial Day and headed east. After a day of rapid travel on the interstate we slowed things way down with a magnificent ride through Letchworth State Park led by Gary Wanke. At first the road reminded us a lot of the Blue Ridge Parkway until we started to reach the canyons. Gary said this is known as the "Grand Canyon of the East" and proceeded to show us not one, but three different waterfalls that help the Genesee River run through the gorge.

Then it was on to Americade in Lake George, NY. We took a guided ride to Lake Placid and got to stand on the podiums that were used at the Olympics. We couldn't decide who came in first so we took many pictures with each of us holding down the first place spot. After a day touring Americade we relaxed on a boat cruise across Lake George complete with dinner and a band. The next day Gary Cueno took the reins and led us through Vermont and onto the Kancamagus Scenic Byway in New Hampshire. He led like a king and took us through the serpentine byway several of us had never been on before. Fantastic job Gary!

After stopping in Kennebunkport, ME for some lobster rolls we moved on to Beantown where Steve and I enjoyed a Red Sox game at Fenway Park while the others took an excellent tour of Boston. Then Gary Cueno took us along the coast of Cape Cod on King's Highway, the oldest road in the US. The next day we boarded a ferry to go to Martha's Vineyard. There we sampled some salt water taffy and were entertained by an experienced tour guide who was a retired Firefighter/EMT. Among the sites on his tour was a cemetery where we learned John Belushi has been residing since 1982!

Our group then continued to head south to Old Lyme, CT where we would cumulate with a friend of the two Gary's named Kelly. Kelly's family has owned the beach house for over seventy years. Kelly invited her sister, cousin, and neighbor over for the gathering. We traded stories as we relished the salmon dinner Kelly and her sister put together for us. We learned that Tim and Kelly's neighbor went to the same college ten years apart and had some of the same professors. Small world.

Our last big item on the list was something Gary Cueno wanted us to see. We took a self guided tour of Fallingwater, a house designed in 1935 by architect Frank Lloyd Wright. This home, built partly over a waterfall, served as a weekend retreat for Liliane and Edgar J Kaufman, owners of Pittsburgh's Kaufmann's Department Store. After a last leisurely day or travel in the sun we arrived home safely on June 10 as we had planned. To Jim Thomas, Steve Donato, David Bierman, Ellary Kahan, and my two wingmen Gary Cueno and Gary Wanke, thanks so much for helping to cross another trip off our bucket list!! Here are just a few of many pictures taken along the way.



Barnsider BBQ  
Lake George, NY



Lake Placid, NY



Red Sox vs Tampa  
Bay Rays, Fenway  
Park



SPORTS TAVERN

**Sports Tavern**  
**2508 US Route 12**  
**Spring Grove, IL 60081**  
**July 8, 2023**

**Predinner ride** – meet us at the Woodman’s  
gas station along Route 120 in Volo -  
clutches out promptly at 4:15 pm

**Dinner** is at 6 pm  
Their special on Saturday is Pot Roast Dinner.

Reminder: most restaurants are having trouble keeping help – we  
need to be patient and remember they are doing their best to get  
everyone served and happy.

RSVP to Lonnie for ride and/or dinner  
Or with questions  
815.347.2222

# June 25 Meeting Minutes

Chapter Director Ellary Kahan called the June monthly chapter meeting to order at 9:30 am. The meeting was attended by Andy Toth, Bob Manion, David Bierman, Ed Harms, Ellary Kahan, Gary Cueno, Jeff Schmidt, Jim (J.T.) Thomas, Mark Muhlenfeld, Tony Valicenti, and Warren Randall.

Tim McGuire gave us a tri-fold brochure which was developed by Minnesota Eagle Wings Chapter W, Buffalo, MN and said that the chapter gives these out to prospective members at various meetings and other locations and contains a QR code which, when scanned, opens the EWMA website with an application. Tim thought that this was something to consider to inform and recruit new EWMA members. The group agreed that this is something to develop for G2.

Because Greg Natenberg did not attend the meeting, his “consecutive ride to G2 meetings” run ended at three. Not a bad record.

Gary gave a recap of the very successful thirteen-day Americade trip. David remarked that the extremely well-designed trip was loaded with interesting sights and attractions, and Gary and his wing men, Gary Wanke and Tim McGuire, booked hotel reservations and researched and modified the restaurant arrangements as needed. He wanted to thank them for their in-depth planning and execution of a great ride for all. Details of the trip will be described in the Rides Section of this newsletter.

## Education Report

Intersections - David pointed out that whether driving a car or a motorcycle, our roads are getting more and more dangerous. Some of the causes are driver distractions and the ignoring of the basic Rules of the Road, which are not being enforced by police as they once were. Speeding and running through red lights are all too common. At intersections, if the light is changing, it is far safer to wait, instead of proceeding and possibly encountering a driver running the light. Make sure to look in all directions before moving into any intersection to watch for any possible risks or for aggressive or distracted drivers.

Rider Seat Positioning - In general, we tend to sit relaxed with our backs against our backrests or the raised part of the seat cushion. While this positioning is comfortable, there are times that call for a better seat position to have more control of your motorcycle. During low-speed maneuvering or quick changes of direction, i.e., turns at intersections or tight set of curves, the better seat position is to move up and forward, sitting right at the front of your seat and up against the gas tank. Upright and over the handlebars gives you much better balance and control of your motorcycle. If you ever watch videos of police in parking lot courses, you will see them sitting in this seat position for better control and balance of their motorcycles.

Finally, Gary said that the August 27 picnic site had been reserved and that he will confer with Craig and Lonnie as the date approached.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am and David led seven riders on a great ride to Woodstock. Until we meet again, take good care of yourself and your family and friends, stay healthy and be safe.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON July 23, 2023.**



Respectfully

Submitted,

Tony Valicenti



# 2023 ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMER RALLY



## July 27th - 29th

**HOST HOTEL: QUALITY INN**

1920 N KENNEDY BLVD, VANDALIA, IL 62471

IL DISTRICT EAGLE WINGS RATE \$75.00

(618)283-4400

**Registration: Members - \$25.00 Non Members - \$30.00**

**THURSDAY DINNER RIDE/BUG RUN - ORDER OFF MENU**

**FRIDAY MOONSHINE RIDE OR SHAWNEE NATIONAL PARK**

**SATURDAY HOTDOG LUNCH - FREE**

**SATURDAY DINNER - INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION (CHILDREN UNDER 16 \$10.00)**

### HOTELS

RAMADA INN - (618)283-1400

HOLIDAY INN - (618)283-0010

### CAMPING

VANDALIA LAKE (618)283-1196

OKAW VALLEY (618)427-5140

**Daily 50/50**

**Light Show**

**Rides**

**Games**

**and More...**

# 2023

# ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMER RALLY

## EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



**July 27th -29th**

**Quality Inn, Vandalia, IL**

RIDER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EWMA# \_\_\_\_\_ EXP Date \_\_\_\_\_

CO-RIDER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EWMA# \_\_\_\_\_ EXP Date \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Registration \*** Number of Members # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\*(includes Saturday dinner) Number of Non- Members # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Children under 16 # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Day Pass \$10.00 (No Meal)**

**Thursday Dinner Ride** Yes  NO

**Friday Moonshine Ride** Yes  NO

**Friday Shawnee Ride** Yes  NO

**Total Attending Rally**  **TOTAL Cost to PAY**

**Make Checks Payable to:** Illinois District

Mail to: **Steve Gottschalk**  
PO Box 83 Cambria, IL 62915

**Questions Contact: Bob Adams**

Phone: 815-535-6576

Email: [my1986goldwing@yahoo.com](mailto:my1986goldwing@yahoo.com)

*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's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Rider's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_





# Eagle Wings Rendezvous

## Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association Inaugural Rally

### Aug 31—Sept 2, 2023

### Knoxville, TN Convention Center



Take a Scavenger Hunt ride to Knoxville, TN and join your friends at the Inaugural rally, Eagle Wings Rendezvous! We'll have vendors, FUN, presentations, FUN, guest speakers, FUN, games, FUN, on bike games, FUN, and awesome guided and self guided rides into the beautiful hills of Tennessee! This is an event you don't want to miss!

**Plan for FUN!!!**

**Daily 50/25/25**

**On Bike Games**

**Commerative item & Door Prizes**

**Guest Speakers & Presentations**

**Bike & Light Show**

**First Aid/CPR Class**

**Vendors, Including Motorcycle stuff, Bling & Chrome**

**GRAND PRIZE and MYSTERY CASH**

**AND**

**GRAND 50/25/15/10**

**3 Nights of FUN, FUN, FUN!!!!**  
**Thursday GRAND OPENING PARTY FUN,**  
**Dinner and dancing**

**Friday Night Bike and Light Show Vote for**  
**your favorite and enjoy some ice cream!**

**Saturday Night is Closing**  
**Ceremonies, Dinner and Dancing**

**\*For up to Date Schedule & more info,**  
**go to [www. EWMA-World.org](http://www.EWMA-World.org)**

Registration Fees (onsite \$10 more)	Cost	Qty	Total
EWMA Members	\$40	_____	\$ _____
Non Members	\$50	_____	\$ _____
Day Passes-available for purchase on site			
Dinner on Thursday Night	\$20	_____	\$ _____
Dinner on Saturday Night	\$35	_____	\$ _____
First Aid/CPR	\$25	_____	\$ _____
<b>Tickets</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
Grand Prize & Mystery Cash—Books of 5	\$10 X	_____	\$ _____
Grand 50/25/15/10— Books of 5	\$20 X	_____	\$ _____

**GRAND TOTAL IN US DOLLARS ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**See and purchase our Rally shirt on our website in our store.**  
**Pick them up at rally. Some may be available on-site.**

**All pre-registrations must be received**  
**by August 1, 2023**

[Make Checks payable to EWMA](#)

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[EWMA](#)

**Patti ONeill**

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**\$15.00 fee on all cancellations**

**No refunds after Aug 1st 2023**

Pre-reg only

USA CC# \_\_\_\_\_

EXP \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

All countries credit cards will be accepted at rally

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EWMA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EWMA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg/District/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, agree to comply with the ideals governing this event and to hold harmless the EWMA, co-sponsoring organizations and property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved, and I/we agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/we knowingly damage. **EWMA reserves the right to refuse entrance to anyone at any time.**

Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# The Good Book Guide

Josie Gamble, her sixteen year old son Drew and fourteen year old daughter Keira, were living with Stuart Kofer. Stu was a well respected member of the Ford county sheriff's department. But he was a mean drunk who frequently went out drinking with his buddies then would come home and abuse Josie and the kids. Josie was indigent and otherwise homeless, which is why she stayed with Stu. One night he came home so drunk that his BAL was 0.36. He punched Josie in the face, breaking her jaw in two places and knocking her out. Then he went upstairs to his bedroom and passed out. The kids thought their mother was dead. Drew went to Stu's room, took his service revolver and pointed it an inch or so from Stu's head and pulled the trigger.

In John Grisham's *A Time For Mercy*, Jake Brigance is chosen by Judge Noose to represent Drew, who is being tried as an adult and is charged with capital murder. He is reluctant to take the case since state law limits his fee to \$1000, which certainly won't cover his costs for a defense. But he's stuck with it. And he has to deal with the Kofer family and all the other sheriff's deputies who are out for blood. So he has to put his career, financial security and safety of his family on the line. The facts are not in dispute so Jake's goal is to save the boy's life.

There are plot twists, small town intrigue and courthouse scheming making

this another excellent story from the master of legal thrillers. How would you vote if you were on Drew's jury?



I'm back to reading John Grisham's Theodore Boone series, about a thirteen year old son of lawyers who does some of his own lawyering. In *The Abduction*, Theo's best friend and fellow classmate, April Finnemore, goes missing. Her father and mother are seldom together. Her father often goes off for days to tour with his band, often without telling anyone he's leaving. Her mother is a neglectful hippie. The theory is that April's cousin, the notorious criminal Jack Leeper, has abducted her. The authorities, stuck on that, are failing to make any progress. So it's up to Theo, with his uncle Ike's help, to find her.

In *The Accused*, it's Theo who has to exonerate himself. A local electronics store was robbed around the same time that Theo was riding his bike in the vicinity. When some stolen goods are found in his locker, Theo becomes the prime suspect. We know he didn't do it. But how is he going to prove it.

These are very short novels, less than 175 pages, and obviously meant for young readers. But they are well written with many plot twists so adults can enjoy them too.

Ellary Kahan