

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



Chapter Illinois G2

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We had a nice response for the dinner on April 8 at La Hacienda de los Fernandez in Deer Park. Everyone enjoyed the food, especially the shrimp cocktails. Thanks to Warren and Kathy Randall for planning the event.



May will be the start of lots of riding activities. Check out Tim McGuire's article on page 3 for a summary of everything we're doing this season.

Our first breakfast ride will be on May 6 to the Bristol 45 Diner. We'll be leaving the Woodman's gas station in Volo at 9 AM. You won't want to miss it. It may be chilly so dress warmly. See the flyer on page 5.

Our first dinner ride will be on May 13 at the Woodfire Tavern in Long Grove. The food there is really good. They smoke their meats to perfection. I had a half slab of ribs that came with fries, corn-bread, corn, baked beans and cole slaw. They have pizza, sandwiches, seafood, chicken and a host of other items. The ride will leave around 4:30 from the Woodman's gas station in Volo. See the flyer on page 6 and get your reservation in soon.

The May chapter meeting will be on the 21st. So join us for that.

We hope to see you soon.

Ellary and Holly Kahan

G2 WEB PAGE

www.ilg2.com

G2 PHOTO ALBUM

**Under construc-
tion**



May Birthdays

- 26 — Tim McGuire
31 — Darlene Parks

May Anniversaries

- 5 — Jerry & Maureen Edelman
9 — Warren & Kathy Randall



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

May

- 6 - Breakfast Ride, 9 AM to
Bristol 45 Diner
7 - Slimey Crud Run
13 - Dinner Ride (Harms)
21 - Chapter Meeting
29-June 9 - Americade Trip
31-June 4 - Americade

June

- 10 - Dinner Ride (Bierman)
19-21 - Amazing Challenge
25 - Chapter Meeting
29-July 2 - Neihaus Rally

July

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

August

- 5 - Breakfast Ride
12 - Dinner Ride, Prime Quar-
ter (Kahan)
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
to place your or-
der.

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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

As we finally head into the long-awaited spring season we have an action packed season to look forward to. The Illinois Fun Run began earlier this month! We have until October 31 to visit as many or all of the 109 movie theatres, opera houses, and drive ins as we can. Some of the theaters are in western Illinois and will give us an opportunity to rack up points as well as visit areas like Savannah along the Mississippi River where we don't get to often. Across the river is a little town called Sabula. If you ride to Sabula, it gives you the feeling that you're riding across the Overseas Highway into Key West, FL. If you make it an overnight trip you can also visit the Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, IA which will be closing for good in September. Check out the flyer for details.

Coming up the first weekend in May we have two events. Saturday the 6th is a breakfast ride with Mark Muhlenfeld. We'll leave Woodman's at 9:00 am and ride for a little over an hour to get to the Route 45 Diner in Bristol, Wisconsin. Sunday the 7th we have the Spring Edition of the Slimey Crud Run. This annual event is held near Madison, WI and usually draws over 1000 people. Our G2 group will leave at 8 am and head up to Pine Bluff where we can meet other participants and have lunch. Then we take an awesome ride through hills and valleys to Leland and reconvene. We can stay and chat or just head back if we feel like it. It is a very fun event especially for new riders and people new to our group. More details can be found at www.slimeycrudrun.com The following weekend we have a dinner ride to the Woodfire Tavern in Long Grove. Ed Harms chose the location and I will develop the route.

Our Americade trip is shaping up nicely. We have a few more details to work out. We'll visit the Finger Lakes region of New York, spend three days at Americade, then make our way out Vermont Routes 9 and 100 and through the Kancamagus Highway in New Hampshire. We'll spend a day in Beantown and see a game at iconic Fenway Park then visit several states along the coast. Riding these states has been on the bucket list of many of our members. I will send the final details out to the folks that are planning to go.

In early April, I attended a new event in Chicago called Blah Blah Blah Motorcycles. It's a fun event held at a venue where motorcyclists gather together and listen to meaningful stories told by their fellow riders. There was a lot of laughter in the room that night and there was also some great talk of how motorcycles have helped people to live a fun and authentic life with no regrets. Fellow G2 rider Mike Plumeri was there and he brought two of his friends to tell their stories. The storytelling fun will happen again on June 28 and August 16. I will plan a ride to the venue for those interested in going. For more information see www.blahblahblahmotorcycles.com.

We also have many EWMA events coming up this summer. The Dust Off 2023 in Montell, WI gives us a chance to support our neighboring chapters north of Madison. Come out for fellowship, camping, and a chili social. About two weeks later there's a rally in Branson followed by another event in Reedsburg, WI. I went to Reedsburg last year and had a blast. Don't forget our annual Illinois District Summer Rally July 27-29. The most difficult decision you'll have to make is which ride you want to go on: The Moonshine Ride or the Shawnee National Park Ride. In August the Region E Ride-In takes place in LaCrosse, WI. This is considered the first EWMA Region E event so it will be special. And we finally have the EWMA Inaugural Rally in Knoxville, TN in August and September. There's a Scavenger Hunt ride to Knoxville followed by presentations, guest speakers, and more FUN at the Rally. Hope to see you there. Flyers for all events should be in our newsletter or you can always visit eaglewingsmotorcycleassociation.com to find the specific dates.

Take good care and ride safe.

Tim McGuire

April 23 Meeting Minutes

Chapter Director Ellary Kahan called the April monthly chapter meeting to order at 9:30 am. The meeting was attended by Andy Toth, Bob Manion, Ed Etzkin, Ed Harms, Ellary Kahan, Gary Wanke, Greg Natenberg, Jim (J.T.) Thomas, Steve Donato, Tim McGuire, Tony Valicenti, and Warren Randall.

Ellary started the discussion by reminding everyone that Greg volunteered to coordinate orders for various EWMA items available on their website in order to save shipping costs. Check out the Eagle Wings store on their website <https://www.eaglewingsmotorcycleassociation.com/>. We should all consider ordering at least one tee or other shirt for EWMA events as well as general group rides to identify ourselves and stimulate conversation with possible new members. Ellary suggested that we place our order by April 30 in order to have them available for distribution at the chapter meeting on May 21 and the Americade trip at the end of the month. Greg will confirm the order with the member and then the member can send the payment to Greg (by Zelle or other means) and he will place the order. Ellary will discuss specifics elsewhere. Greg gets a shout-out by being the only member to ride to the meeting. That makes two meetings in a row. He may be in line for riding to the most consecutive meetings on a bike this year!

Tony distributed the nameplate order forms to those who wanted to order one at the meeting. Anyone else wanting a EWMA G2 nameplate can order one by mailing a check with the enclosed form to Tony by May 8. You will receive the nameplate at the May 21 chapter meeting.

Tim reviewed the many chapter and district activities planned for upcoming months and also his experience with a group called “Blah, Blah, Blah Motorcycles” which provides a location and arranges for individual motorcycle riders to tell a motorcycle story on stage in keeping with a theme for that performance. Local performances include June 28 and August 16 at the Montrose Saloon, 2933 W Montrose Ave, Chicago. See Tim for further details.

Ed Harms distributed a flyer for the G2 Dinner (and maybe) Ride (weather permitting) at the Woodfire Tavern on May 13.

The gathering was adjourned at 10:30 am. 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 May 21, 2023.



Respectfully

Submitted,

Tony Valicenti

Join us for our first
Breakfast Ride

to

Bristol 45 Diner

Saturday, May 6

Leaving the Woodman's gas station
in Volo at
9 AM

R.S.V.P. to

Mark Muhlenfeld

at

mark.muhlenfeld@gmail.com

by

Wed., May 3

Join us for a dinner ride on
Saturday, May 13
4:30 PM
to

Woodfire Tavern
Rt. 83 and Gilmer Rd.
Long Grove, IL

RSVP by Wed., May 10 to
Ed and Barb Harms
at
edharms@comcast.net

Name plates make it easier for each of us to get to know our fellow members.

We are offering a name plate with a simple design with our names large and easy to read. It is metal with black letters on a gold background. It uses a magnet to fasten it to your clothing without pinholes making it easy to move it from one garment to another. The price for each is \$7.00. (Plate shown below is actual size.)

The purchase of a name plate is completely voluntary.

To buy a name plate (and one for your significant other), please complete the form below and give it (or mail it) to Tony Valicenti with your check to cover the cost. The lead time is two weeks from the time he places the order. Tony will deliver them to you at a chapter meeting or ride.

IL G2 EWMA NAME PLATE ORDER FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE ON THIS FORM

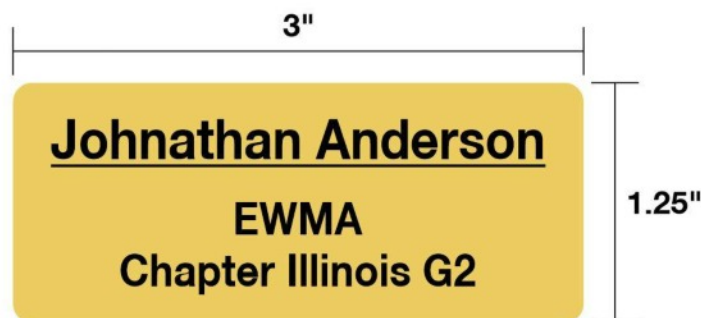
Name for 1st Name plate:

Name for 2nd Name plate:

Check #:

Amount enclosed @ \$7.00 per nameplate: \$

Please write the check to Tony Valicenti and give it to him at the next meeting or mail it to him at 1225 Park Avenue, Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096. Tony will bring the nameplates to all monthly meetings for distribution.





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

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	_____	\$ _____
Tickets	Cost	Qty	Total
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

Mail completed forms to:

EWMA

Patti ONeill

2125 Meander

Prescott AZ 86305

For further information

Contact: Patti ONeill

Email: ewmacfo@gmail.com

Phone 408-639-0415

\$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

In 1945, Pete Banning returns from WWII a hero, having survived the Bataan Death March, the POW camp and fighting as a guerrilla in the Philippines. His family owns a cotton farm that has been in it for generations. He has a wife, Liza, and two children in college, Joel and Stella. When the book opens it's the fall of 1946. Liza is in a mental hospital. And Pete kills Clanton's Methodist pastor Dexter Bell.

Why? Why did he kill Dexter Bell? Why is his wife in a mental hospital?

Part one of John Grisham's *The Reckoning* tells the story of the planning of the killing and it's aftermath. Part two goes back in time and depicts Pete's time in the war. Most of the story of the Bataan Death March, Pete's time in the POW camp and his exploits as a guerrilla are historically accurate. If you are not yet familiar with this bit of history you will be shocked and awed at the cruelty of the Japanese. But this part of the novel is critical to understanding the motivation of Pete's actions upon his return.

Part three deals with the affects of Pete's actions following what is depicted in part one. I can't reveal anymore details without ruining the story.

The reason for Pete's killing of Dexter Bell drives the story from the reader's perspective. It will keep you riveted to the very end when all is revealed. And I promise you that you will be surprised.

Sara Gruen's *Water For Elephants* was a huge hit and was made into a movie. So I read *At the Water's Edge*. I was not disappointed. Per the author's web site in January, 1945, "Madeline Hyde, a young socialite from Philadelphia, reluctantly follows her husband and their best friend to the tiny village of Drumnadrochit in search of the Loch Ness monster—at the same time that a very real monster, Hitler, wages war against the Allied Forces. Despite German warplanes flying overhead and scarce food rations (and even scarcer stockings), what Maddie discovers—about the larger world and about herself—through the unlikely friendships she develops with the villagers, opens her eyes not only to the dark forces that exist around her but to the

beauty and surprising possibilities as well."

It was a delight to read, at times heart wrenching and at others funny but always interesting. Her setting is real and very authentic, and most of what she describes about the war and its affects on the local area are true for what was known at the time.



If you like basketball, and even if you don't, you'll love John Grisham's *Sooley*. Seventeen year old Samuel Sooleyman is the oldest of four South Sudanese children who plays basketball. He is recruited by a Sudanese coach to play on a Sudanese team to play in a showcase basketball tournament in the United States. He's a growing boy and an amazing athlete with a vertical leap of 46". But his shooting is poor. So the American coaches are not very impressed.

During the tournament, Samuel receives the news that the civil war has reached his village. His father is dead, his sister is missing and his mother and two younger brothers are in a refugee camp.

He wants very much to go home but that is not possible. The coach from North Carolina Central offers him a scholarship. So he moves to Durham, enrolls in classes, joins the team and prepares to sit out the his freshman season. There are plenty of older players so he isn't needed.

But Sooley, as his teammates call him, is determined to succeed so he can bring his family to America. So he practices daily, shooting hundreds of baskets every morning by himself after his coach corrects his form. He is soon dominating all his teammates in practice. But the Central team is losing and players are getting injured. So he is called off the bench.

Can he help his team and will he be able to save his family?

I'm not much of a basketball fan, but I couldn't put this book down. Although not a novel about the law, Grisham's storytelling shines. His characters are rich and believable. It's hard to resist falling for Sooley, both the character and the novel.

Ellary Kahan