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We had a nice turnout for the breakfast ride in September. The ride was great and so was the food at Kim and Patty's. Thanks to Tim McGuire for planning another wonderful ride.

We had six bikes for our dinner ride to the Snuggery and were joined by four more people at the restaurant. Service was slow as the restaurant was very busy. But John Martens did get the correct meal this time without waiting too long. Thanks to Mark Muhlenfeld for making the reservation, Tim McGuire for the route and David Bierman for following up in Mark's absence.

Thanks to Tim who took us on a nice ride to Hansen's Ice Cream Parlor in Wilmot after the meeting.

Our annual chili social once again will be held at the home of Ed and Barb Harms on Saturday, October 14 at 5:30. Attendance is looking good so far but we still need more people to bring food, specifically we need another hors d'oeuvre and more chilis. So please respond to Barb Harms with the food you plan to bring. See the flyer and sign up sheet on pages seven and eight.

And don't forget the holiday party on December 2. It's held at the Continental Restaurant in Buffalo Grove. The chapter supplies hors d'oeuvres. You order your meal off the menu and pay for it yourself. Our gift exchange is a lot of fun and there may be a surprise this year.

Finally, I would like to welcome Fred Brostoff to our G2 family. He is a friend of David Bierman. He attended the chapter meeting and joined us on the ride after. We hope to see him at more of our events.

We hope to see you soon.



Ellary and Holly Kahan

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October Birthdays

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Got something to say?

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Upcoming G2 Events

October

1 - Slimey Crud Run (McGuire)

7 - Breakfast Ride (leader needed)

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

To order name badges contact Tony Valicenti.

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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

This past month has gone by fast but has still allowed us to get some good rides in. Andy and Glenn represented our group at the first annual EWMA Rendezvous in Knoxville TN over Labor Day weekend. They shared their thoughts about it with us at our last Chapter Gathering. Tony did a great job of summarizing their thoughts in his minutes. They were impressed with the event and have already made reservations for next year when it is held in Green Bay WI.

For those who didn't venture to Knoxville there was a breakfast ride to an old G2 favorite, Kim and Patty's Cafe in McHenry. Our group of thirteen left Woodman's and headed for the Fox Valley Gardens. From there we picked up



a nice road with a north woods feel and it led us through an eerie and mysterious creek savannah into Cuba Township. Then we sampled a Vermont Covered Bridge and northeast flavored wood covered area and continued on into the great wide open of Bull Valley. It was great to visit Kim and Patty again where they made us feel like we're sitting in our own kitchen chatting about the days events with family and friends.

September 9 we had another group of thirteen people for a dinner at the Snuggery in McHenry.

Nine people enjoyed fantastic weather by riding their bikes and four others cheated and met us at the restaurant. Our route ran us alongside a scenic golf course then past a few nice lakes and out into the country. We traversed the Fox River and landed at the Snuggery for a wonderful dinner. We also got to know our newest member of G2, Guy Newell. See his fantastic introduction in the Under the



the Helmet-Meet the Rider column in the October newsletter.

After the Chapter Gathering on the 24th we took a nice ride on many new roads and enjoyed perfect weather. We arrived at our old favorite House on the Hill Hansen's Ice Cream Parlor. There we enjoyed our sweet treats

on the patio and the ice cream didn't even melt!! Their Wilmot location closes for the season on October 21 but their Burlington location will continue to be open.

As we look ahead to next month there will be more opportunities for riding, food and fun! We start off with a ride to a gathering in Pine Bluff WI where there can be as many as a thousand people in attendance. There will be many makes and models of motorcycles to see. After perusing the bikes, riders set off to ride through part of the scenic Wisconsin River valley in Dane and Sauk counties. Many G2 riders look forward to this event each year. The following weekend there will be a breakfast ride and October 14 is our annual Chili social at the home of Ed and Barb Harms. See who can make the best chili, don't miss it.



Looking forward to next month. Take good care and ride safe.



Tim McGuire

September 24 Meeting Minutes

Chapter Director Ellary Kahan called the September 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, Fred Brostoff, Gary Cueno, Glenn Hansen, Guy Newell, Jim (JT) Thomas, Mark Muhlenfeld, Tim McGuire, Tony Valicenti and Warren Randall.

Fred Brostoff attended his first G2 meeting. Fred rides a beautiful Harley and has some long-distance rides on it. He belongs to a few riding groups and we welcome him to G2.

Andy began the meeting with a report on the EWMA Rally in Knoxville which he attended with Glenn 8/31-9/2. They both received beautiful commemorative Challenge Coins at registration. Andy described the Rally activities starting with a banquet with entertainment at the air-conditioned Convention Center (where they received additional coins) and met some of the attendees. EWMA arranged for inside parking at the Convention Center, with a few good vendors and both praised the accommodations and the staff. There were several good sessions and they ended with a presentation by State Trooper Master Sergeant Joey Watson. The Rally ended with a closing ceremony and plated dinner. Nearly 900 people attended and both Glenn and Andy pre-registered for the 2024 Rally at the Hyatt Hotel and Convention Center in Green Bay. Andy designed the routes that the Triked Travelers took (David helped with the software), including a stop at Buc-ee's shopping center and 127 gas pump facility. The trip was about 1600 miles, with only 200 miles Interstate roads and they both enjoyed the scenery and attractions of the small towns they ride through, with NO RAIN.

Andy and Glenn are also planning to attend a Trike Rally in South Dakota July 7-12, 2024. Speaking of trikes, Andy said that Joey Watson claimed that a trike could ride anywhere in a group ride, but Andy pointed out that if he is leading, he prefers that all trikes ride at the end of the group to make it easier for the leader to see and to keep track of the other bikes that may otherwise be obscured by the trikes. David also agreed that the back was a better place, since the trike has a shorter stopping distance, which may lead to a collision if they are in the center of the group.

This led to a discussion of group riding.

- David said that everyone bears a responsibility while riding in a group.
- Each rider must remain in their track and be spaced appropriately, so that riders following them in the other track have an adequate "safety space" in the case of emergency braking.
- It is also necessary to keep the spacing tight, especially at intersections, so that all can keep together as a group and not get separated.
- All riders should be ready to go when the lead starts to proceed through the intersection.
- The group leader should wait until the entire group is in the formation and ready to go, and not proceed too early, and also should avoid speeding at the other side of the intersection to avoid having the riders at the end of the group becoming too far behind. It always helps if the leader and others proceeding through a stop inform the others whether the road is clear or if there is traffic approaching so they can adjust their crossing appropriately. The group must move quickly across the intersection without hesitation, since delay results in a gap in the group and cars will just assume that it's their turn to go, and if they do, it often leads to those cars in the middle of the group.
- Some people have a preference as to which track they are most comfortable and should choose that track, if possible, when the group is forming. Those without a CB should always be on the right track.

- Trikes may ride left or right center and avoid the middle of the lane.
- In general, riders should ride in pairs and have responsibility for each other. The left track rider is in charge of their pair and should be aware of what their partner is doing and if there are any issues. At intersections, the right track rider should stop next to the left rider's rear seat, so the leader can see traffic in both directions. The right track rider should be ready to move, but wait until the leader has passed him completely, in case he needs to move to the right in the intersection.
- Pairs should move together as a pair when changing lanes to pass another vehicle on multi-lane roads. When moving to the left, the leader moves, quickly followed by their partner. When moving right, the partner moves first and the leader follows and resumes their position.
- On two-lane roads, pass individually. Once the leader passes and moves back into the right lane, they must speed up so the partner can fit in safely. The leader must always be aware of their partner's position.

Whenever you see an animal, especially a large animal, we should all lean on our horns to scare the animal away from the road and out of our path.

David reminded us to shift our hips toward the direction of a turn. This automatically puts pressure on the tank by the opposite knee. In addition, pressing your foot opposite the turn down on the foot peg also aids in forcing that knee against the tank, resulting in bringing the bike over. David says that this makes you "ahead of the bike". This gives you a greater feeling of security when carving a tight turn and partners with counter steering.

Tony said that an article in Rider posed the question, "What does a green traffic light mean?". Answer: it means that the bulb works. Never assume that you have the right-of-way and that someone won't enter the intersection through a red light. Ellary reminded us to look both ways after the light turns green. David once cautioned us to "look as far as you can into the turn" to alert yourself of possible hazards on the road ahead on the turn.

Ellary recapped the good attendance for the Dinner Ride at the Snuggery and the Breakfast Ride at Kim and Patty's. Tim reviewed upcoming rides, which include the Slimey Crud Run around the Madison area on October 1 and the Breakfast Ride on October 7 (Tim will be unable to be on the ride and would appreciate a leader. He can furnish a route, if you need one.). Tim suggested a final fall ride on October 28. Ellary reminded everyone of the Chili Social at Ed and Barb's on October 14.

Ellary discussed the Holiday Dinner on December 2 at the Continental Restaurant in Buffalo Grove. He will discuss the cost estimates for the appetizers and desserts with Kathy. Ellary has a surprise for the gift exchange.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am and Tim led us on a nice ride to Wisconsin and Hansen's for some great ice cream.

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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON October 22, 2023.



Respectfully
Submitted,

Tony Valicenti

Under the Helmet-Meet the Rider

A profile of Guy Newell

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

I owned 6 motorcycles:

Honda CL350 Scrambler (Red)

Had it for a week and realized it was too small and under powered and I had trouble keeping up with a friend with an CB750. After riding it for a week, I went back to the dealer and asked to trade it in on a 750. It cost me \$50 and a week later I had my 750.

Honda CB750 (Metal Flake Orange)

I rode this for a couple of weeks and realized I needed a fairing, Bates saddlebags, a crash bar around the engine and a sissy bar with luggage rack.

Took my first long distance trips on the bike from Flagstaff, AZ

1. Tucson, AZ, to visit my younger sister and her husband
2. Flag – LA (DisneyLand) – San Diego (Sea World), Phoenix and then back to Flag
3. Flag to Pocatello, Idaho – non stop except for gas and breakfast so I could warm up from the ride at night through Utah in August. Even with a motorcycle cop leather jacket, I froze my six off. The attached photo is for my trip to Idaho.

With this bike I also experience a high speed wobble at 100 mph and dumped it, sliding for 300 feet on my back. The saving grace was wearing the nylon hunting vest, green on one side orange on the other.

The only abrasions was on my right hand about the size of a dime, left knee about the size of a quarter along with one above my belt line on my back. Sold the bike before I joined the Marine Corps.

3 750's in Okinawa – the last one I brought home. It was the first model to have a ¾" chain.

Spent 2 years in Okinawa working 5.5 days a week except for exercises to Korea for Team Spirit '77 & '78. Seeing people bathing in streams with blocks of ice floating down and their outdoor plumbing, plus how they heated their house by burning charcoal under the floor.

My neighbor in the officer house was a Warrant Officer who had a motorcycle and he introduced me to a shop where I bought two used bikes before buying a brand new 78'. With nothing else to do on our time off except drink and PT (physical training) the motorcycle was a very nice diversion. Sat in many a bar when Americans are never see and enjoy the a beverage.

I brought the last bike back to the US and drove it while stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA.

This with my van was the only transportation. This was during the gas crises, and I drove it many a time



down to San Diego to date my girlfriend, who is now my wife of 43 years. Arriving back in the states I was visiting my parents in Aurora, CO, and visited a local Honda dealer, who let me take a test drive on a '78 Goldwing (1000cc). It was amazing. From then on I was sold.

I sold the bike @ 1982 with plans to buy a Goldwing but marriage, life and the Corps got in the way. My wife for years has known of my desire to have a Wing since we were married. In November, she told me to go ahead and buy a GW, which I found on CycleTrader the perfect bike and in the year and color I wanted.



Describe your favorite motorcycle trip

I would say the trip to Pocatello. Driving through the Utah and Idaho was amazing. It was the feeling of being in the open air and not enclosed in a car. It was a completely new sensation. The grass smelled greener and the air more pure. I carried a sleeping bag and pulled over on a dirt road the slept the night in peace, waking at dawn when a truck drove down the road. This also reminded me of the TV show "Then Came Bronson." The bike was a Harley Davidson 900 Sportster. Loved that show – watched it every week and always wanted to ride the highways and by-ways with a sleeping bag on the back.

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

Route 66 – I lived in Flagstaff and drove on portions of Rte 66 and not realizing the real history. I do remember the TV show Route 66

Blue Ridge Mountains

When did you join EWMA and why?

I have been reading and listening of Youtube videos of Wing Ding and planned on joining as soon as I had a Wing. I was very disappointed to hear they were shutting down after 45 years.

After my wife said buy a GW, I was looking at GWRRA and saw a recommendation for Wing'd Riders, not knowing they were in Litchfield. But, I joined anyway. I did write to the Chapter president and when he responded, I guess he copied the other members. By chance, Andy Toth was one of them and he called me. We arranged to meet for breakfast at the WhistleStop in Fox Lake. During breakfast he asked why I joined Wing'd Riders and if I had heard of EWMA, which I had not. He told me about the group, which is local, and encouraged me to join, which I did.

Wanted to meet other riders in the area that I could connect with and ride.

Comradery and meeting/riding with other motorcycle fanatics

What have been your primary jobs in your career?

US Marine Corps (12 years, 3 months and 1 day)

Car phone and printing equipment salesman Software implementations in healthcare for 25 years and 5 years implementing software for Food & Beverage companies and retail/wholesale companies.

What are your primary hobbies?

Golf

Photography – I do not even consider myself an amateur photographer

Hunting – preferably doves and pheasants. I have hunted ducks but cleaned them and gave them to my wife, who gave them to the Filipinos in the hospital. Shot my first rabbit when living in Aurora, CO. I was 8 years old and I still have my dad's Browning shotgun. My roommate in the Corps owned the Panther Ranch about 600 acres where I have been for annual dove hunts.

Woodworking in my youth and now cutting big bricks into smaller bricks.

The Reason That Old People Should Not Get a Trike

I read Tony's article with interest in the September newsletter, since I have ridden a Gold Wing trike for many years, and although I can appreciate his concerns about the changes in riding a trike as compared with a two-wheeled motorcycle, he missed an important message! Old people should not ride a trike because old people need exercise.

Let me explain.

1. You cannot put your feet down in slow stop and go situations on a trike.
2. You do not get to use normal body movements on twisty roads.
3. You do not get to lift up a tipped trike when it falls over in the parking lot.
4. You do not get to hold the trike up when stopped during a windstorm.
5. You do not get to fight to stay up when you get a wind blast from buses and 18-wheelers.
6. You do not get to fight the trike in construction areas and when riding on ribbed roads or steel-grated bridges
7. You do not get to fight to stay up on loose gravel.
8. You do not get to kick a kickstand back and down.

I could go on with more examples, but you get the idea.

Maintain your physical fitness as you get older and don't buy a trike!

-Glenn Hansen (& Tony)



Chapter Illinois G2
CHILI SOCIAL
Saturday, Oct. 14

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
- 2 Chili
- 2 Salads/Sides
- 2 Desserts

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

RSVP by Oct. 8

847-910-2031 or barbharms@comcast.net





Chapter Illinois g2
CHILI SOCIAL
Saturday, Oct. 14th
5:30 PM

FOOD SIGN-UP SHEET

Please put your name and what you are bringing

Hors d' oeuvre:

1. Tony Valicenti - Shrimp
- 2.

Side dish/Salad:

1. Blair Natenberg – Chili Dorrito Salad
2. Glenn Hanson

Bread & Butter:

1. David Bierman & Merle Gleason

Dessert:

1. Ed Etzkin
2. Gary Cueno

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

Chili:

1. Ellary Kahan - Vegetarian
- 2.
- 3.

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

BYOB all other beverages

The Good Book Guide

Brad Meltzer's *The Fifth Assassin* is the fourth installment in Meltzer's Culper Ring series, which features archivist Beecher White as the protagonist. While the book has its moments of intrigue and suspense, it also has its fair share of criticisms.

The story revolves around Beecher White, who works at the National Archives and is a member of the Culper Ring, a secret society dedicated to protecting the presidency and its secrets. When a would-be assassin attempts to kill the President using a method inspired by the assassinations of previous presidents, Beecher is drawn into a dangerous conspiracy that spans generations. As he investigates, Beecher must unravel the clues left behind by his predecessors and uncover the identity of the "Fifth Assassin" before it's too late.

One of the strengths of Brad Meltzer's novels is his ability to weave historical facts and conspiracy theories into his stories. "The Fifth Assassin" is no exception, as it delves into the history of presidential assassinations and attempts, adding an interesting layer of depth to the plot.

The idea of a secret society and a long-running conspiracy involving presidential assassinations is inherently intriguing. Meltzer's storytelling keeps the reader engaged as they follow Beecher's quest to uncover the truth.

Meltzer is known for his meticulous research, and it shows in this novel. The historical details and references are well-researched and add credibility to the story.

Some readers have criticized the book for its uneven pacing. The story can feel slow in parts, with long stretches of exposition and backstory that may hinder the overall momentum of the plot.

While Beecher White is the central character, his development throughout the series can be seen as somewhat stagnant. Some readers might find it challenging to connect with or root for Beecher, as his personality and motivations don't evolve significantly over the course of the books.

Some readers have found the plot twists and revelations to be predictable, which can lessen the impact of the suspense and mystery elements.

The novel is a decent thriller with an intriguing premise and well-researched historical elements. However, it may not be for everyone, particularly those who prefer fast-paced narratives and deeply developed characters. If you enjoy conspiracy theories and historical mysteries, you might find this book worth a read, but keep in mind the potential pacing and predictability issues. While I read the first two books in the series long ago I didn't remember them. But I found that reading *The Inner Circle* and this novel back to back satisfying.

Brad Meltzer's *The President's Shadow* is the last installment of Meltzer's Culper Ring series, which com-

bines historical mysteries with contemporary suspense.

When Beecher White stumbles upon a severed arm hidden in a vault at the Archives, it sets off a chain of events that lead to a high-stakes conspiracy involving the President of the United States. The novel combines historical elements, such as the use of hidden codes and ciphers, with a modern-day thriller, making for an intriguing and engaging premise.

Meltzer's characters are well-crafted and relatable. Beecher White is a likable and intelligent protagonist, and his complex relationship with Clementine, a childhood friend and fellow Culper Ring member, adds depth to the story. The author also introduces historical figures and weaves them seamlessly into the narrative, which enhances the authenticity of the plot.

One of Meltzer's strengths as a writer is his ability to maintain a brisk pace and keep the reader engaged. "The President's Shadow" is no exception, as it is filled with suspense, plot twists, and a sense of urgency that keeps you turning the pages. The book effectively combines historical flashbacks with the present-day narrative, creating a sense of mystery and intrigue.

Brad Meltzer is known for his meticulous research, and it shows in this novel. The incorporation of historical documents, codes, and real-life events adds depth and authenticity to the story. Readers who enjoy historical mysteries will appreciate the attention to detail and accuracy.

The novel explores themes of loyalty, betrayal, and the lengths people will go to protect their secrets. It also delves into the idea that history is not always what it seems, and that there are hidden truths waiting to be uncovered.

While the novel is engaging and well-written, some readers may find the plot twists and revelations a bit predictable if they are familiar with Meltzer's style. Additionally, the historical flashbacks, while informative, may occasionally slow down the pacing for readers who are more interested in the modern-day thriller aspects of the story.

"The President's Shadow" is a captivating thriller that combines history, suspense, and conspiracy in an entertaining package. Brad Meltzer's ability to blend fact and fiction, along with his well-drawn characters and suspenseful storytelling, makes this novel a compelling read for fans of both historical and contemporary thrillers. If you enjoy a fast-paced, intricately plotted story with a blend of historical and modern elements, you'll likely find it to be a worthwhile read.



Ellary Kahan