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I hope you've all survived the cold and snow this month. A week of rain and gray skies is upon us as I write this but the forecast includes sunny days to come.



Twelve of us braved the snow and cold and enjoyed dinner at The Shanty in Wadsworth. Holly and I were joined by the Harms, the Randalls, the Natenbergs, Tony Valicenti and Adelle, Tim McGuire and Mark Muhlenfeld. The food was great and the company was too.

I'm hosting February's dinner on the 10th at Jimmy's Charhouse in Libertyville. We haven't been there in a while so I thought we would try it out again. See the flyer inside and respond to me by February 7.

Finally, the dates for our June trip to West Virginia were wrong in the calendar. The plan is to leave on Monday, June 17. The return date is open subject to the planning committee's itinerary.

We hope to see you soon.

Ellary and Holly Kahan

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www.ilg2.com

G2 PHOTO ALBUM

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February Birthdays

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. 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

February

- 10 - Dinner, Jimmy's Charhouse
- 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
- 17-18 - EWMA Ill. Dist. Rally, Vandalia

- 19 - Chapter meeting
- 25 - Memorial Day Ride

June

- 1 - Breakfast ride, Cueno
- 8 - Dinner ride, Bierman
- 17- W. VA Trip
- 23 - Chapter meeting

July

- 6 - Breakfast Ride, Natenberg
- 13 - Dinner ride, Muhlenfeld
- 14 - Ill. State Police Ride
- 28 - Chapter meeting

August

- 3 - Breakfast ride, Valicenti
- 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
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.

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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

We just finished another annual Winter Warm Up down in Springfield the last weekend of January. We had a smaller turnout that included several people from chapters in Iowa. Due to the smaller turnout we are considering possibly changing the date of Warm Up next year or just having two rallies somewhat closer together. Some chapters have had very good turnouts with an event that partly celebrates Valentines Day so we might consider some type of rally around then. Another possibility might be a rally in May and one in September. These are just ideas and nothing is set in stone.

We did have a good time at the Warm Up though. We had two classes, one First Aid and CPR class and one Co-Rider class. Last year we had a new craft class which was very well attended so we did it again this year. It was a one day class last year and a two day class this year. It was an opportunity for our lady riders to shine and they really did. Some of the crafts literally had lights and shined like stars. Pretty cool! Thanks ladies. Our annual baseball game was a hit too. Brian King, a member of the District Team and also Chapter Z made a new board for the baseball game. This made the game a little more challenging but the teams were so good they didn't seem to mind the extra challenge. After the game we had boxes of Cracker Jacks and got to see the little prizes inside. Seven people got together and sang Take Me Out to the Ball Game and I made a video of them. It should be up on the IL District website next month. Joey Watson from the Illinois State Police gave his very interesting presentation again this year. He is very passionate about motorcycling himself and is really appreciative of others who ride. He especially respects the groups like ours that make it a point to spread the word about our sport.

Lately there has been much talk about health benefits of motorcycling. Yes, you read that right! Motorcycling does offer many benefits to your health. Studies have shown that during the ride your body releases endorphins and reduces cortisol which helps improve memory and reduce stress. It also intensifies your focus and alertness. Keeping the balance and staying one with the bike works nearly all the muscles in your body, especially in your knees and thighs. It is estimated that for every hour you are in control of your bike, you can burn 600 calories. Check out page twenty in the new issue of On the Fly. You may be able to get your EWMA membership dues for free if your Medicare Advantage and Supplement plan includes the Element3 Health benefit.

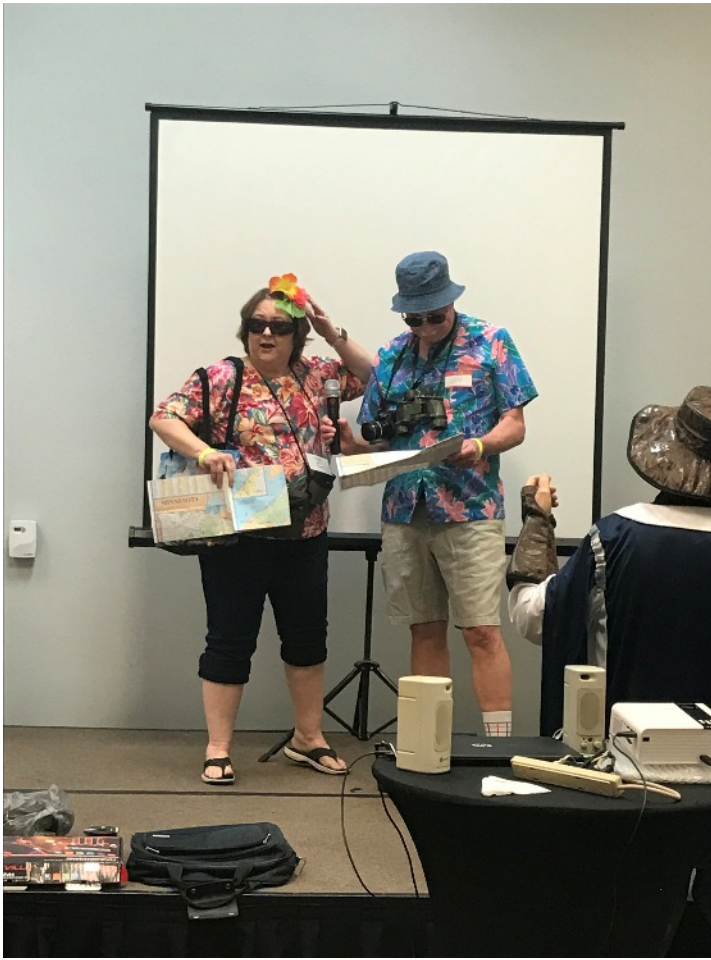
We have a few more months before we can get back into the swing of riding here in the Windy City. Until then check out some of the upcoming events on the EWMA website and enjoy some fun pictures from our latest Winter Warm Up.

Take good care and I'll ride with you in the spring.

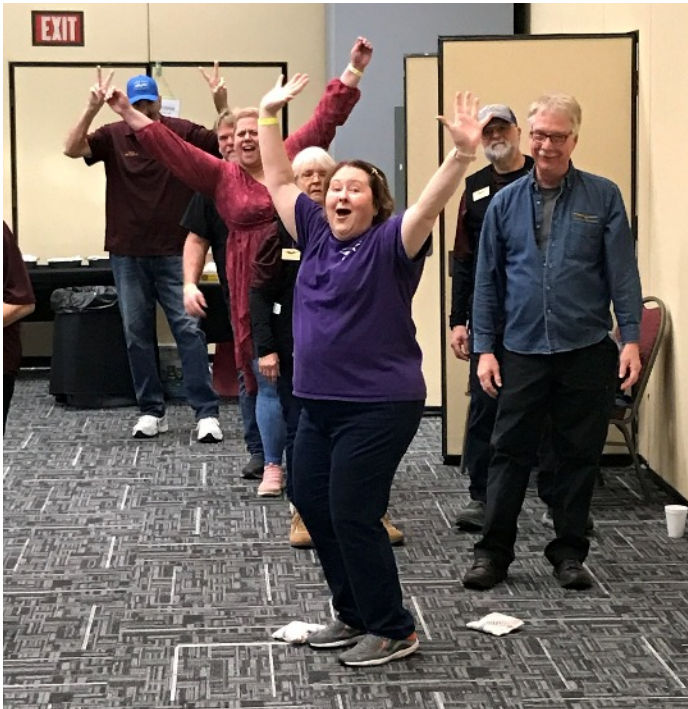


Tim McGuire

Winter Warm Up



Costumes



Baseball Fun

January 28 Meeting Minutes

Chapter Director Ellary Kahan called the January monthly chapter meeting to order at the Full Moon Restaurant at 9:30 am. The meeting was attended by Adan Lucio, Andy Toth, Bob Manion, Dan Meyer, Ellary Kahan, Glenn Hansen, Greg Natenberg, Guy Newell, Mark Muhlenfeld, Mike Plumeri, Pat Cornett, and Tony Valicenti.

Ellary began the meeting by asking the attendees to introduce themselves to the group. Pat Cornett, is a member of Milwaukee Chapter WI-G and rides a 2010 Gold Wing purchased 1/27. Adan Lucio, from Dallas, TX, lives in Milwaukee until mid-April and rides a 2022 Gold Wing, but with the cold weather, rode it back to Dallas and borrowed his dad's truck with the promise not to get it rusty up here. You can see all of Adan's rides on his YouTube channel. Mike Plumeri gave him some connections to the Iron Butt Group. Bob Manion said he lives in Elmhurst, the center of the universe, but Tony said it was the armpit of the universe. Bob has a 2005 Gold Wing with 105K miles. Guy Newell has a 2008 Wing with only 22K miles and it has "training wheels" that always go up, but sometimes fail to come down at a stop, but fold up when he goes over 5 MPH. He can always deploy them with a pushbutton when needed, and says that it has helped him get used to the Wing. Guy wants to do the Route 66 ride someday, and the group recommended that he contact Tim for that. Dan recommended that he stop by the "Field of Dreams" in Iowa. Dan Meyer said that after riding his 2005 Wing he bought a 2019 in December that he has safely stored for Spring rides. Andy Toth has a 2016 Wing Trike with 50K miles, and his old 2004 with 130K. Glenn has 2017 Gold Wing trike with 20K and lives in Harvard. Ellary, our chapter director, traded his ugly yellow 2001 Wing with 245K miles and purchased a 2022 with all the bells, and you know what else. He has now 25K on this bike and the turn signals actually go off. Sometimes...

Tony described a good dinner at The Shanty in Wadsworth (on Rt 41) as the January dinner. Everyone enjoyed the usual good food and service.

Ellary reminded everyone that our February dinner on February 10 will be at Jimmy's Char-house on Rt 137 (Buckley Rd). Like The Shanty, we have dined there before with wonderful gastronomic happiness.

Mike Plumeri described the 2024 Amazing Challenge of rides around West Virginia and Pennsylvania at the end of June. Each day will consist of 280 miles of riding, on which you record that you have arrived (and photographed) your stops. Mike urged that all those who wish to go sign up soon, because hotel rooms are going fast. Contact Mike for additional information.

Mike also described the annual Tour of Honor, in which you document that you have visited the memorial with a selfie with your ID tag.

Tony gave a "safety talk" involving current and all-weather safety riding involving drivers with no lights on, and those who don't obey normal safety rules.

The meeting was adjourned at around 1015am.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON February 25, 2024.



Respectfully
Submitted,

Tony Valicenti

Join us for
Dinner
Saturday, February 10
6 PM

at

Jimmy's Charhouse
1413 Peterson Rd.
Libertyville, Ill.
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<https://www.jimmyscharhouselibertyville.com/>

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Wed., Feb. 7



Eagle Wings Rendezvous

Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association 2nd Annual Rally

Aug 29th – Aug 31st 2024

KI Convention Center in Green Bay, WI



Take a Scavenger Hunt ride to Green Bay, WI and join your friends at the 2nd annual 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 to explore beautiful WI! This is an event you don't want to miss!

Lodging links on website
www.ewma-world.org/rendezvous

Plan for FUN!!!
Daily 50/25/25
On Bike Games
Door Prizes
Guest Speakers & Presentations
Bike & Light Show
First Aid/CPR Class
Vendors, Including Motorcycle stuff, Bling & Chrome

3 Days & Nights of FUN, FUN, FUN!!!!
Thursday GRAND OPENING PARTY FUN, Light Dinner and Entertainment
Friday Night Bike and Light Show Vote for your favorite and enjoy some ice cream!
Saturday Night is Dinner and Closing
***For up to Date Schedule & more info, go to [www. EWMA-World.org/Rendezvous](http://www.EWMA-World.org/Rendezvous)**

GRAND PRIZE and MYSTERY CASH AND GRAND 50/25/15/10

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

All pre-registrations must be received by August 3, 2024
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Prescott AZ 86305
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Phone 408-639-0415
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The Good Book Guide

Liz Cheney's *Oath and Honor* is the definitive account of the 2020 election and Trump's attempt to steal it. She writes a chronological narrative that includes her early start into politics and the upbringing she had that developed her character. Then she continues it beyond the Congressional hearings to the end of her term in office. She provides many details not previously known to the public and her insights into the Republicans and the actions that took place.

It is a must read for all Americans, regardless of political affiliations. It is riveting. I didn't want to put it down.

Faye Kellerman's *The Hunt* continues an investigation that was started in *The Lost Boys* that I reported on last month. And it continues the story of Gabriel's mother, Theresa, who had suddenly appeared in New York and called Gabriel for help.

Decker and his partner Tyler McAdams continue the investigation into Bertram Telemann's disappearance. A body is found in the woods near where Bertram had gone missing, which spurs them on.

Per the web site: "Teresa McLaughlin, the biological mother of Peter and his wife Rina's foster son, Gabe, has fled to Los Angeles with her two children in tow, hoping to avoid a court injunction amid a messy divorce. But LA is no escape from her problems—she is found by ruthless men and beaten mercilessly. When she wakes, barely conscious, Teresa discovers that both of her children are gone and frantically calls Gabe for help.

"With his mother on the verge of death, Gabe contacts Peter and Rina, as well as his biological father, the notorious Christopher Donatti, a former hit man from a known criminal family who's now a millionaire in Nevada. By bringing Donatti into the fray, Gabe, Peter, and Rina know they have made a deal with the devil—but they may not be able to recover the kids without him.

"As these unlikely allies rally to find the kidnapers before things end tragically, they race headlong toward an explosive confrontation from which no one will emerge unscathed..."

Based on the way this book ends it seems to me to be Faye Kellerman's swan song. But only time will tell.

I discovered Sara Paretsky when she was interviewed by David Axelrod for his Axe Files podcast. She's a Chicagoan who published her first crime novel, *Indemnity Only*, in 1982.

Before taking up her pen, Paretsky read crime novels from the likes of Rex Stout, Peter Wimsey, Margery Allingham, Raymond Chandler, the two MacDonalds, Philip Marlow, Lew Archer, Cornell Woodrich and others. She wanted to create a



woman detective who was nothing like the women depicted in those novels. One who was strong, had a sex life that would have nothing to do with whether she was a moral person and that wouldn't impede her from problem solving. Her heroine is private detective V. I. Warshawski, (Victoria Iphigenia). She came upon the name by deciding that she could write believably about the Polish, since one of her grandfathers came from Poland. And since everyone knew that Warsaw was Polish, settled on Warshawski. From her web site "V.I. grew up under the shadow of the old steel mills on Chicago's South Side. Her father was a cop; her mother a refugee from Mussolini's Italy. Her mother had aspired to an operatic career but ended up giving music lessons to neighbors' children. She died when V.I. was in her teens, a loss that still haunts the detective." She went to the University of Chicago on an athletic scholarship and also went to it's law school. Before becoming a private investigator in 1982, she worked on the public defender's office for several years.

In *Indemnity Only*, V.I. is "hired by a man who calls himself John Thayer. Her assignment is to find Thayer's son Peter's missing girlfriend. But when V.I. finds young Peter's dead body instead, her client disappears. Her efforts to track down her client and learn his true identity take her deep into a labyrinth of fraud and violence."

"By the time V.I. figures out the answers she is in a race to find the missing young woman—before the murderers do."

This, and all her novels, are in the noir style. So I found this novel a bit slow to get into. But once past the first chapter or so it became a fascinating diversion from today's modern crime novels. Set in Chicago, the streets and most locations are familiar and accurate but most of the place names are fictional. Some have funky names, like the "Knifegrinder's union". But that's OK once accepting this as fiction.

It's a fun and short, around 200 pages, read. I plan to continue the series to see how V.I. matures as a character.

Ellary Kahan