

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



Chapter Illinois G2

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June started out a bit disappointingly with our breakfast and dinner rides rained out. But we met for dinner anyway. We all enjoyed the Snuggery in McHenry. We received better service than in past years. And the food was quite good. Thanks to David Bierman for planning the ride and dinner.



The West Virginia trip was a huge success. Nine of us, including David Bierman, Gary Cueno, Steve Donato, Bob Manion, Dan Meyer, Jim Thomas, Tony Valicenti, Gary Wanke and me headed east to the Canaan Valley State Park Resort. The resort was wonderful, with plenty of amenities and comfortable rooms. We visited many of the Amazing Challenge points of interest. Especially interesting was the Green Bank Radio Observatory with active radio telescopes. The tour was quite informative.

The only casualty was Bob Manion's battery dying. Mike Plumeri gave him the spare that he always carries, but Bob chose to go home anyway. The lesson to be learned from this is to always get the service history of any used vehicle that you buy.

When the Amazing Challenge was over, the rest of us rode to Athens, Ohio to ride a few of the Windy 9 routes. Rain on Sunday cut our ride short. Three of the group went home on Monday, so the five of us left rode Ohio 555 on Monday. See the photos of that ride inside taken by Joel Prince. Rain in Nashville, Ind. resulted in our coming home on Tuesday.

Special thanks to Gary Cueno for planning the trip and David Bierman for his daily route creation.

There are lots of rides planned for July. So check out Tim McGuire's Ride Coordinator page for details.

I hope everyone enjoys the Independence Day celebrations. We hope to see you soon.

Ellary and Holly Kahan

G2 WEB PAGE

www.ilg2.com

G2 PHOTO ALBUM

Under construction



July Birthdays

26 - Jerry Edelman

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. 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

July

- 6 - Breakfast Ride, Bristol 45 Diner
- 13 - Dinner ride, Reefpoint Brewhouse, Racine, Muhlenfeld
- 21 - Ride to Poopy's
- 27 - Breakfast ride
- 28 - Chapter meeting

August

- 1-4 - Lake Michigan Ride
- 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 Whistle Stop Cafe, 15 E. Grand Ave, Fox Lake, 9 AM breakfast, 9:30 meeting.

Ride Coordinator

As we enter the middle of the summer we're in good shape! Although our first ride this month was canceled due to rain, we made up for it on our dinner ride to the Snuggery in McHenry. David hosted this wonderful time for us. I think we had a record turnout. Thanks David.

Let's welcome back the nine people who trekked out to West Virginia for a ride and to see part of the Amazing Challenge. I did not go this year but heard that everybody had an amazing time. I understand they came back through Ohio to have some fun on the Windy 9. I am sure we will hear their tales of the trip for the months to come. Also be on the lookout for plenty of pics from the trip.

In the month of July we have some fun events coming up. A breakfast ride is planned for the first weekend to the Bristol 45 Diner. Gary Cueno is leading this ride since his June ride was rained out.

The next weekend Mark has found a brilliant new place for us to check out. The Reefpoint Brew House is a hidden gem in Racine County that provides spectacular views of Lake Michigan. Their classic American dishes and smoked barbecue are often complimented by award winning drinks. Mark and I sampled some of their food and can't wait to go back. Since it is on the lake shore in Racine and we need to traverse some slow moving traffic in town we felt that we should start a little farther east to save some drive time. Therefore for this ride only we will be meeting at the Lindenhurst BP Station at 3200 W Sand Lake Road, Lindenhurst IL 60046 at 4:30pm Please note the different start location as we will not be leaving from Woodman's in Volo.

On Sunday the 21st, Greg is planning a trip to Poopy's in Savannah, not Georgia, just the one by the river in Illinois. We've been meaning to get out that way for some time so it should be a nice day for a Sunday drive. And on this drive we'll get to hop on the Midwest's version of the Overseas Highway to sample Sabula, Iowa.

As July comes to a close, we look ahead to August for three more fantastic ride opportunities, one of each, a breakfast ride, a dinner ride and a day ride. The breakfast ride location will be disclosed next month. The second weekend our fearless leader Ellary will treat us, I mean lead us, to the infamous Prime Quarter in Janesville where we get to cook our own steaks and explore the many items at the salad bar. Its always a good time and gives us some leisurely time in the saddle. A week later Greg will take us to his favorite restaurant in the wooded rolling hills of the northern Kettle Moraine, The Fox and Hounds. This historic building, opened as a restaurant in 1933, was once a quaint one room cabin built in 1845. It is now well known for its great food and warm atmosphere. We look forward to revisiting the Kettle Moraine.

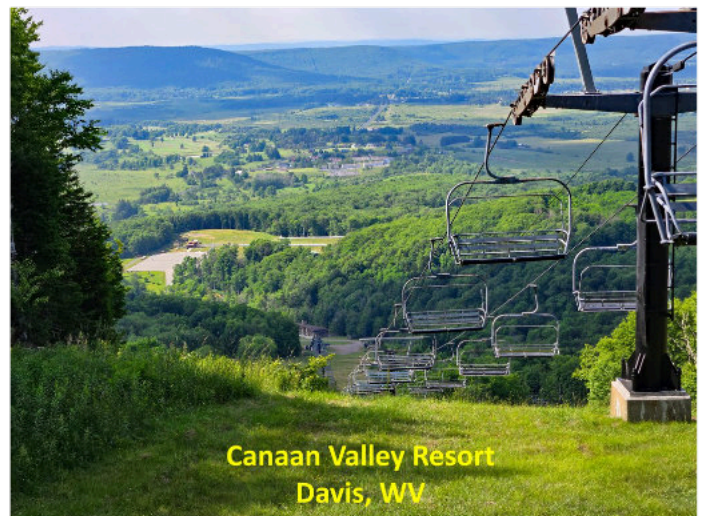
And last but not least, we round out the month with our annual picnic at the Chain O' Lakes State Park on 173 in Spring Grove. Gary Cueno did a superb job hosting the picnic last year and we look forward to his expertise again this year!

That's all for now. Take good care and ride safe.

Tim McGuire



The Amazing Challenge



OHIO 555

(photos by Joel Prince)



Jim Thomas



Ellary Kahan, Gary Cueno



J. Thomas, Gary Wanke, David Bierman



David Bierman

June 30 Meeting Minutes

Chapter Director Ellary Kahan called the June monthly chapter meeting to order at The Whistle Stop Restaurant at 9:37 am. The meeting was attended by Andy Toth, Bob Adams, Bob Manion, Dave Hoffheimer, David Bierman, Ed Harms, Ellary Kahan, Gary Cueno, Gary Wanke, Guy Newell, Jerry Edelman, Jim Thomas, Mark Muhlenfeld, Ted Ratajczyk, Tim McGuire, Tony Valicenti, and Warren Randall.

Ellary began by welcoming Bob Adams, EWMA Illinois District Director to our monthly meeting. Bob said that he was happy to attend and that he had planned to visit us sooner. He brought registration forms for the upcoming Green Bay Rendezvous and other EW events. Our waitress then presented Bob Manion with a slice of cake with a candle to celebrate his 72nd birthday. We all sang happy birthday to him off-key. Ellary introduced Ted Ratajczyk, who rode his BMW K1600 for a year and then concluded that he was really meant to be a Gold Wing rider, and thankfully, Harry at DSP Honda pointed him our way. He is now feeling comfortable on his DCT-equipped 2019 GL1800 and about five other DCT riders assured him that he made a good choice. Ted lives in Hoffman Estates and is looking forward to G2 rides.

Mark said that he and Linda met a Gold Wing couple at the Kenosha Texas Roadhouse. Mark spent some time with them and gave him the G2 website address and welcomed him to join us. Mark reminded us to take advantage of opportunities to promote G2, so others can share in the fun of good friends and good roads.

Ellary then recapped our June activities, and although our first two rides were rained out, David planned a nice dinner at the Snuggery. Gary Cueno related the recent trip to the Canaan Valley State Park Resort in Davis, West Virginia mountains, where a few of our group of nine riders participated in and lead us through four days of Amazing Challenge routes treating us to spectacular curves and views of lush forests within the mountainous roads. The next destination was Athens, Ohio, where the group had three days riding some of the Windy 9 routes, including the challenging Rt. 555, the Triple Nickel. Unfortunately, Bob Manion had some issues with his Wing and decided to go home. Rain shortened the riding on one of the days so five riders decided to stay in Athens, while three riders returned home on the 4th day. Gary is already thinking about destinations for next year's trip, which could be Colorado, or the Black Hills or the Pacific Northwest.

Tim gave a preview of July rides and events, beginning with an after-meeting ride lead by David and ending at an ice cream stop in Fontana. Gary C will lead a breakfast ride to the Bristol Route 45 diner, Mark on a Dinner Ride to the Reefpoint Brewhouse in Racine (leaving from the BP in Lindenhurst), Greg a day ride (starting from his home in Carpentersville) to Poopy's in Savannah and a Lunch Ride at the end of the month. August will include the Lake Michigan Circle trip, a Dinner Ride to the Prime Quarter in Janesville, a Day Ride to the northern areas of Kettle Moraine State Park, the annual G2 Picnic at a different shelter on the lake, and the EWMA Rally in Green Bay.

Dave promised to email an updated Lake Michigan itinerary reflecting a Thursday departure. Gary announced that there will be several additions to the picnic menu, possibly including ice cream sundaes, brownies, etc. Tony reminded the group that G2 has no dues, and the cost of events like the picnic and holiday party are covered by the 50-50 drawing at meetings, our only source of funding.

Ellary reviewed the status of Illinois House Bill 4431 to eliminate DMV re-testing of older riders for their license renewal, although over-65 drivers have the lowest accident rate. The bill has been sent back to committee, since one representative objected and quoted an accident by one senior driver. The bill may be reintroduced in the Fall after the election. Ellary urged us to look up the name of our State Representative and insist that they vote this sensible bill into law.

Ellary was happy to announce that the Whistle Stop Restaurant told Andy that they will offer a 10% military discount to all G2 participants at our monthly meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at around 10:07 am.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON July 28, 2024.



Respectfully

Submitted,

Tony Valicenti

Join us for a
Breakfast Ride
Saturday, July 6
9:00 AM

to

Bristol 45 Diner
8321-200th Ave (Hwy 45)
Bristol, Wis.
262-857-4545

R.S.V.P.

to

Gary Cueno
Gary.cueno1@Gmail.com

by

Thursday, July 4

Join us for a
Dinner Ride
Saturday, June 13
4:30 PM

to

Reefpoint Brewhouse
2 Christopher Columbus Causeway
Racine, Wis.
(262)-898-7333

R.S.V.P.

to

Mark Muhlenfeld
mark.muhlenfeld@gmail.com

by

Wednesday, July 10

We are leaving from the BP at Sand Lake and Rt. 45

G2 Picnic

Sunday, August 25, 2024

11am to ???

Chain O'Lakes State Park

Oak Point Shelter #2 (change from last few years)

Entrance is on Rt. 173

(Approx. 2 Miles East of Wilmot/Rt. 173 Intersection)

G2 is Cooking Again!

**Please Join us for Great Hamburgers and
Brats Fresh Off the Grill, Root Beer Floats and Ice Cream
Sundaes**

**We Only Ask that You Bring an Appetizer, Snack, Salad
or Dessert to Share, and Your Own Beverage**

**It's OK if You Feel More Comfortable Bringing
Your Own Food**

**We Look Forward to Seeing Your Smiling
Faces and Sharing Great Conversations!**

RSVP By August 23

By Phone or Text to Gary Cueno at 847-989-8146

2024 Illinois Fun Run

Hello Illinois District,

Announced at the recent Illinois Winter Warm Up, this year's Illinois Fun Run will be "Illinois Murals." This year puts all of Illinois into play, you will be looking for murals in each Illinois town. You may only submit one (1) Mural per town, take a picture of yourself or group with a Town's "Mural". If you can safely get you and your motorcycle in the picture as well, then this is even better. **The Fun Run runs 1 April to 31 October. Prizes will be awarded in Jan 2025.**

Following are directions:

Submit your photos on the district website www.ewma-ildistrict.org

1. *Go to Events tab*
2. *Select Fun Run and then select Photo Submission.*
3. *Fill out the Illinois Fun Run Photo Submissions form*
4. *When completed click on the "Submit" button at bottom of the page.*
5. *I will get a notification there are pictures to be posted.*

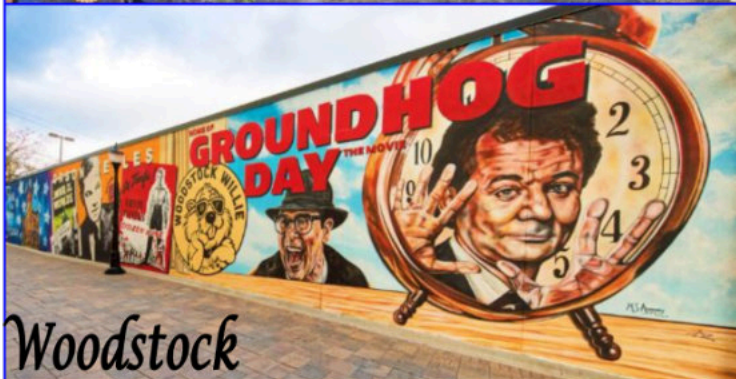
Have fun seeing our state of Illinois and as always "BE SAFE"

Rules: For every 5 locations that you submit your picture(s) with the Mural, you are eligible to purchase one poker hand. A poker hand consists of drawing 5 cards, cost is \$5.00.

Bonus: Purchase 4 hands and your 5th hand is FREE. The drawing of the cards will be at your November 2024 Chapter Gathering. The Chapter Director will conduct the drawing of the cards and mail the tally sheet and check to me.

Make checks payable to: Illinois District and
Mail to: Roy Miller, 537 Franklin Ave., Troy, IL

(Just a few samples below, have fun searching)





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	_____	\$ _____
<i>First Aid/CPR—Friday</i>	\$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
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 5th 2024

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.

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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

I found Robyn Gigl's (pronounced guy-gil) *Survivor's Guilt* on the Time 100 best mystery thrillers of all time list. And I wasn't disappointed. It is one of the best courtroom dramas I have read.

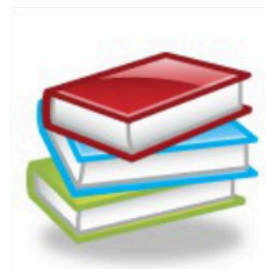
Robyn Gigl is a relatively new author, with her first novel, *By Way of Sorrow*, having been published in 2020. She is a lawyer and transgender woman. *By Way of Sorrow* deals with the issues of transgender women. It is a compelling legal thriller that introduces Erin McCabe, a New Jersey criminal defense attorney who is also a transgender woman. The novel centers around Erin's defense of Sharise Barnes, a 19-year-old transgender sex worker accused of murdering the son of a powerful state senator.

The book has been praised for its gripping plot and the way it intertwines legal drama with important social issues. Erin's personal journey and professional challenges are portrayed with depth and sensitivity, making her a relatable and inspiring protagonist. The story delves into themes of justice, identity, and the struggles faced by transgender individuals, both in and out of the courtroom.

Critics have highlighted Gigl's ability to create a fast-paced, engaging narrative while also addressing serious topics. The novel has been described as "quietly groundbreaking" and has received accolades for its authentic representation of transgender experiences.

Survivor's Guilt (2022) is the second

book in the Erin McCabe Mysteries series. This legal thriller follows Erin McCabe, a transgender attorney, as she takes on a complex case involving human trafficking and murder.



The story begins with the apparent suicide of millionaire Charles Parsons, which quickly turns into a murder investigation when his adoptive daughter, Ann, confesses to the crime. Despite the seemingly straightforward case, Erin and her law partner, Duane Swisher, uncover inconsistencies that suggest Ann might be protecting someone else.

Critics have praised the novel for its engaging courtroom scenes and its exploration of serious social issues, such as gender identity and exploitation. However, some reviews noted that the emotional stakes and character development were less compelling compared to Gigl's debut novel, *By Way of Sorrow*. The mix of legal drama and personal struggles continues to be a strong point, but the plot's pacing and some character motivations received mixed feedback.

Despite the critics, I found this book to be thoroughly engaging and hard to put down. It is fast paced and easy to follow.

Ellary Kahan