

Chapter Illinois G2

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Secretary Photographer Tony Valicenti Our April dinner at the Woodfire Tavern in Long Grove was a huge success. Eighteen of us were present to enjoy the really good food. Our thanks to Bob Manion for planning this event.



The weather in April was predictably wet and dry off and on making riding difficult. Hopefully, May will bring drier days as we have plenty of rides planned for the month. See Tim's article on page three for details.

Our first chapter meeting at the Whistle Stop Cafe was well received by everyone. We even got to see Kathy Randall at the meeting so I didn't have to divide the 50-50 money. The room is about the right size to accommodate our usual attendance. And the service was excellent, especially since we were served by the manager, Kris.

About ten of us are planning on going on the trip to West Virginia in June. But a few prefer to take two days to get there instead of the one long day. We'll be exploring that in the coming weeks.

Finally, we are moving the June chapter meeting from the 23rd to the 30th due to the West Virginia trip.

We hope to see you soon.

Ellary and Holly Kahan

G2 WEB PAGE

www.ilg2.com

G2 PHOTO ALBUM

Under construction



May Birthdays

17 -Jeff Schmidt

26 - Tim McGuire

May Anniversaries

5 - Jerry & Maureen Edelman

9 - Warren & Kathy Randall 25 - Picnic



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

May

4 - Breakfast ride. McGuire

11 - Dinner ride, Fitzgerald's

16-18 - ĔWMA III. Dist. Rally, Vandalia

19 - Chapter meeting

25 - Memorial Day Ride

26 - Rolling Thunder ride June

1 - Breakfast ride, Cueno

8 - Dinner ride, Bierman

17-W. VA Trip

30 - Chapter meeting

July

6 - Breakfast Ride. Natenberg

13 - Dinner ride, Reefpoint Brewhouse, Racine, Muhlenfeld

18 - Chapter meeting **August**

3 - Breakfast ride

10 - Dinner ride, Prime Quarter-Kahan

17 - Day ride, Natenberg

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 Restaurant, 15 E. Grand Ave, Fox Lake, 9 AM breakfast, 9:30 meeting.

Ride Coordinator

ere we are finally, some decent weather and time to get out and ride. We have a few events in May and then June will be full of good weather and several more events.

G2 kicks things off with a breakfast ride on Saturday May 4. We'll go to an old favorite in Whitewater Wisconsin called Jessica's Family Restaurant. They serve breakfast lunch and dinner all day so you can take your pick. If you want to bring your GPS along and give it a workout, the route file is on the G2 website. On Sunday the 5th we are trying out a new event suggested by Greg. A saloon and grill in Bureau County is hosting a day of music and two bike blessings. This is out west of Starved Rock a little over two hours away. We are thinking of doing highway one way and back roads the other way. If the music is good we can stay for awhile and then maybe go down Highway 26 along the Illinois River to Lacon or Chillicothe for a meal. Highway 26 along the river is beautiful, I've done it many times. This event might appeal more to the younger crowd but I thought we should put it on the calendar as something new and different.

May 11 we have a dinner ride hosted by Greg. Hopefully we'll have more good weather for this ride. See the flyer on page 6 for details.

Our Illinois District Rally is the following weekend from May 16-18. Last year it was held in July but it was very hot so they decided to do it in May this year. There will be fun and games, a light and bike show and probably two different guided rides. Several members have gone to this in previous years.

The last weekend of May features a day ride by me on the 25th. We'll explore a driftless area known for its long ridges and deep valleys and twisty curvy roads. This will be a lot of fun and plan to be out for a good part of the day. Don't miss it!

The next day is my birthday and we'll celebrate by Rolling Thunder! This is a rain or shine event. We'll stage early in the morning in North Chicago and then follow a 54 mile route to end up in Wheaton. This is an annual event that usually draws a large crowd.

In the month of June we'll have another breakfast ride and then a dinner ride. Other events include a multi day ride to West Virginina and also the Amazing Challenge.

Should be a busy month. Looking forward to it!. But first enjoy the Woodfire Tavern dinner photo below. Thats all for now. Take good care and ride safe!

Tim McGuire



April 28 Meeting Minutes

hapter Director Ellary Kahan called the April monthly chapter meeting to order at The Whistle Stop Cafe at 9:35 am. The Whistle Stop recently built a back-room addition which holds about twenty people, which we will use for future monthly chapter meetings. The meeting was attended by Andy Toth, Dave Hoffheimer, Ed Harms, Ellary Kahan, Gary Cueno, Gary Wanke, Glenn Hanson, Greg Natenberg, Guy Newell, Kathy and Warren Randall, Mark Muhlenfeld, Jim Thomas, Joe Becker, John Martens, Roger Jackson, Tim McGuire, and Tony Valicenti.

Ellary began the meeting by welcoming our Treasurer, Kathy Randall to the meeting who gave the financial report. Her responsibilities include sending a chapter fee and financial report to the District, which submits required forms to the EWMA for a non-profit organization. Kathy stated our income and expenditures for 2023, and explained that all of our income comes from the 50-50 drawings at the chapter meeting and that our expenditures are the chapter fee, the picnic and the holiday party. Ellary then introduced Roger Jackson, who has recently retired, moved to Lake Geneva and rides a 1996 GL1500 SE.

Ellary announced that the June chapter meeting, formerly scheduled for June 23 will be moved to June 30, as several members will be on the West Virginia trip with a stop for the Amazing Challenge, then back through Athens, Ohio. Some members opted to leave on Father's Day, which will allow for shorter two-day rides at the beginning of the trip and an additional hotel stay. Gary C. said that there is a good number of members who have signed up for the trip and anyone else interested should contact him directly.

Greg and Dave related their excitement of riding through 6-inch snowstorms, followed by dust storms on their Arizona ride last month. Greg announced that they both survived, but Dave will have a lot of work removing the embedded red dust from all the switches on his Harley.

Tim said that future G2 rides will be described by email on the preceding Monday, with a request to respond to him if you intend to go, even though you may have signed up at the meeting. He will need this for every venue to reserve the correct number of seats. Also, a reminder to let him know if for any reason, your plans change and you will not be going on a breakfast or dinner ride. Tim described activities for May and June. See the Ride Coordinator page for details. He and Andy discussed the Rolling Thunder ride recognizing armed force personnel on May 26 from the Lovell center in North Chicago to Cantigny Park in Wheaton. There is no fee for the ride and food trucks will have lunch at Cantigny.

Apparently, the State Police Ride, originally slated for July 14 will not be held this year. Greg suggested that the Million Dollar Quartet concert in the Aurora Theater would be a good substitute on that day.

Greg's dinner ride on May 11 will be CASH ONLY. Gary C. stated that he has no definite venue for his June 1 breakfast ride, but it's guaranteed to be good. Mark said that his dinner ride on July 14 will be at the Reefpoint Brewhouse in Racine. The EWMA Rendezvous departure will be on August 28, but the August 29 dinner is already sold out. Ed Harms' beautiful 2001 GL1800 is for sale. Ellary said that David Bierman will be returning this week.

The meeting was adjourned at around 10:10 am.

THE NEXT MEET-ING WILL BE ON May 19, 2024.



Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Valicenti



MEGAPHONE

MIND OVER MATTER

BY B. JAN MONTANA



table heating dinner over a tiny gas stove. On one side was his shiny Honda Gold Wing, on the other, a fancy mountaineering tent. He looked a bit out of place amongst all the black-beard bikers here to attend the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

After setting up, we gathered around the campfire to drink beer and swap tales. The greybeard installed his earplugs and went to bed.

I was the first of our group to rise the next morning, and found our neighbor already making coffee.

"Sorry if we got a little noisy last night," I said.

"Nothing to be sorry about," he said. "I enjoyed listening to you guys having fun. I should have done more of that in my youth."

After we introduced ourselves, I asked Russ, "So, trying to make up for lost time, are you?"

"Time is never lost," he said. "It's misspent. I was so immersed in my business, I forgot what really matters in life: family, friends, adventure. Finally, my body rebelled, and I was given two years to live." As he pushed a coffee my way, he added, "That was six years ago."

"Wow," I replied, "six years...ever go back to the doctor?"

"Saw him last year." Russ smiled, "He thought he was seeing a ghost!"

"Did he get the diagnosis wrong?"
"Naahhh, he reviewed my file and said he got it right."

"Did he check you out again?"

"Yep, the cancer cells are still there, but they're not active."

I must have looked puzzled.
"He told me patients sometimes



Russ at a vintage bike show at Christmas Circle Park in Borrego Springs, Calif., taken several years before he died. "From the moment I started riding," he told us, "I stopped worrying about deadlines, regulations, equipment failures, etc." Russ beat his two-years-to-live cancer diagnosis by 14 years.

experience spontaneous remissions, and the medical community has no idea why...but I do."

"What's your theory?"

"For years, my gut was telling me I wasn't living right, but my brain was too busy to listen. Then my body complained with inflammation, cramps, fatigue, indigestion and pain. But I gritted my teeth and worked on till it got real bad."

"My son, a psychologist, told me that I was in a permanent "fight or flight" mode, where bodily functions such as repair and rejuvenation are put on hold in favor of escaping a predator. That's supposed to be a temporary thing until the threat passes, but a body under such stress is constantly deteriorating, and rapidly. He advised me to retire and do something I would really enjoy."

"My son made me realize that my future was *my* choice. So rather than die at work, I decided to spend my remaining days wandering across America...like those guys in *Easy Rider*. From the moment I started riding, I stopped worrying about deadlines, regulations, equipment failures, supply chain and transportation issues, taxes, and union demands."

"It felt as if a great burden had lifted from me. The whole world appeared different. Instead of dreading each day, I woke up eager to experience it. Best of all, once I stopped forcing my body into doing things it didn't want to do, it ceased to sabotage me."

"Shouldn't your physician have told you about that before you developed cancer?" I asked.

"The medical profession is only just now coming 'round to recognizing the power of mind over matter," he responded. "Recent scientific studies prove that one's mindset has a great deal to do with one's health; apparently, a stressed mind produces hormones that promote disease."

That made sense to me, and I figured I'd look into that when I had time.

"Do you ride in the wintertime, as well?" I asked him.

"I bought a place in Palm Springs so I could ride all year."

"That's not far from me," I said.
"Maybe we should keep in touch?"

For many years after that, Russ and I met for lunch several times each winter in Borrego Springs, Calif.

He died at age 86 from cardiac arrest, having beaten his cancer prognosis by 14 years.

B. Jan Montana is an AMA Member.

Join us for a
Dinner Ride
Saturday, May 11
4:30 PM

to

Fitzgerald's Genoa Junction 727 Main Street Genoa City, Wis. 262-279-5200

(Cash only)

R.S.V.P.

to
Greg Natenberg
natenb8@aol.com
by
Wednesday, May 8

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)





2024 ILLINOIS DISTRICT SPRING RALLY - RIDE IN



May 16th - 18th

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 MYSTERY 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
- Bean Bag Baseball
 - and More...

2024

ILLINOIS DISTRICT SPRING RALLY - RIDE IN

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



MAY 16TH - 18TH

QUALITY INN

618-283-2400

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CO-RIDER NAME:		EWMA#	EXP Date			
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City		State	Zip			
Cell Phone:	Email					
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Registration*	Number of Mer	nbers	x \$2.	5.00 = .		
*(includes Saturday buffet dinner)	Number of Non	n-Members	x \$3	0.00 =		
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Day pass \$10.00 (NO MEAL)						
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Friday Mystery Ride Yes	NO	Total		TAL _		
Friday Shawnee Ride Yes	NO	Attending Rally	PA	st to Y		
Make checks payable to: Illinois District Mail Registration to: STEVE GOLLSCHALK P.O. Box 83, Cambria, IL 62915 Any Questions Contact: Bob Adams Phone: 815-535-5676 Email: my1986goldwing@yahoo.com						
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FORM MUST BE SIGNED BELOW BY ALL REGISTRANTS						
Rider's Signature				Date		
Co-Rider's Signature				Date		



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.ewmaworld.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

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

<i>GRAND 50/25/15</i> ,	/10	←	
Registration Fees (onsite \$10 more) EWMA Members	<u>Cost</u> \$40	Qty	Total \$
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 Grand Prize & Mystery Cash—Books of 5	<u>Cost</u> \$10 X	Qty	<u>Total</u> \$
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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

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

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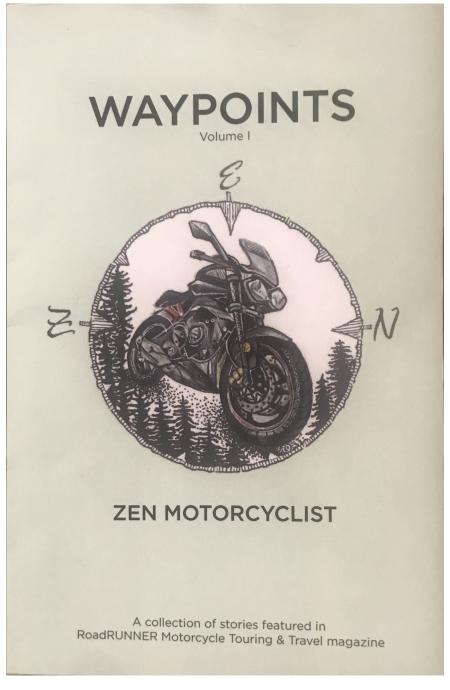
\$15.00 fee on all cancellations No refunds after Aug 5th 2024

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The The Good Book Guide (cont'd),

felt this would be good to know about as we get started in the new season. It's a very short book, only 48 pages but it's small, compact and can be easily placed in a tank bag. It's called *Waypoints Volume 1 Zen Motorcyclist*. It was written by Bud Miller, a moto-journalist, inventor, and software developer from Hellentown Pennsylvania. He started riding in 1998 to find peace after losing his father to a brain aneurysm at the young age of 57. His younger brother helped him find an '81 Yamaha Maxim which he rode the wheels off that year. For more than a decade he commuted 80 miles a day year round gaining skills as a motorcyclist. As he rode he began to realize that riding can be a form of meditation. I think that many of us who ride also find that to be true as well. During his rides he would think about subjects like travel, music, love, loss, art, and celebrating the fellowships he's made through riding. He related his thoughts in his monthly column for Roadrunner magazine for over seven years. This short book is a collection of twenty four of his offerings. I always keep a copy close at hand for times I have a few extra minutes to fill. I think he said it best when talking about riding a motorcycle, he said the ride, no matter how brief, always finds a way to credit back the debits made by the day.

Tim McGuire



The Good Book Guide

illing Orders, V.I. Warshawski's third book, (all synopses from the author's web site) "starts when her great-aunt Rosa summons the detective to her cold suburban home. Rosa made V.I.'s childhood miserable and the detective resents the command to help her aunt prove she didn't embezzle five million dollars from a local Dominican priory.

"All hell breaks loose when a mysterious opponent tries to take Vic off the case by throwing acid in her eyes and burning down her apartment. And when a friend who's involved in the case is brutally murdered, it begins to look as if Vic hasn't got a prayer.

"But Warshawski continues to follow every lead, even when they point to some pretty unorthodox conclusions: Perhaps the Dominicans are covering up a financial scandal. Maybe the whole conspiracy is under the patronage of an international conglomerate, or of Don Pasquale, king of the Chicago mob. Worst of all, someone who's close to Vic could be involved—her darkly handsome English lover, Roger Ferrant, or even Aunt Rosa herself."

The author finds her groove with this novel. The story flows easily and the dialog is natural. So it's easy to read and she holds the reader's interest well. The Denver Post says "No one, male or female, writes better P.I. books than Paretsky."

"In her fifth V.I. novel, Sara Paretsky brings the private investigator back to her old neighborhood and to the past she cannot escape.

"Blood Shot begins innocently enough when V.I. attends the reunion of her championship basketball team and Caroline, a childhood friend who organized the event, asks V.I. a professional favor: "Find my father for me.

"Caroline's mother is dying, and Caroline wants to meet the father she has never known. The search for him not only calls up memories of V.I.'s own childhood but quickly mushrooms into something darker. After V.I. starts to probe, the body of another old friend turns up in the appropriately named Dead Stick Pond.

"Who would want Nancy Cleghorn dead? The list of suspects includes everyone from a powerful alderman to the chairman of a great chemical conglomerate. And what is the connection between Nancy's death and the search for Caroline's father?

"Moving across Chicago from its decaying industrial districts to its posh Gold Coast, V.I. uncovers a network of corruption. The deeper V.I. digs, the murkier things

get, until she finds herself at the mercy of malevolent forces completely beyond her control."

Marilyn Stasio of the New York Times says "...Sara Paretsky's square-jawed private eye, V.I. (Vic) Warshawski, has to



grit her teeth, in her fifth adventure, to take the long road home to south Chicago. For one thing, Route 41 from the city's North Side is no picturesque memory lane: Wisconsin Steel is closed down, USX South Works is on strike, the Calumet River is rank with pollution, and all those neglected bungalows expose the shame and depression of their unemployed owners. "I could remember when eighteen thousand men poured from those tidy little homes every day," she reminds herself, "when each piece of trim was painted fresh every second spring and new Buicks or Oldsmobiles were an autumn commonplace."

"...The corporate malfeasance that ultimately comes to light proves broad-scaled enough to suit Ms. Paretsky's blunt prose and earnest delivery. (Describing the "large dark strokes" of her detective's handwriting, the author virtually identifies her own literary hand). The nature of the crime is also sufficiently heinous to validate her detective's fierce moral outrage. "I'm looking at such an incredible display of cynicism that every time I think of it I get consumed by rage," fumes Warshawski, who has a temper that could bend cutlery.

"The author characteristically fuels her sociologically informed mysteries with such anger, inviting the reader to share her outrage over corporate America's profit-dictated cynicism toward workers, products and the environment. While splendid, her detective's ethical fulminations are only one side of her firebrand personality. More self-destructive is the abrasive, intractable and unforgiving side of her nature, which she tends to confuse with an independent character. ("You have a way of destroying people's tender feelings, kiddo" is the inelegant but insightful way one admirer puts it.) By sending Warshawski back into the old neighborhood for a closer look at events from the past that helped to shape her character, Ms. Paretsky forces no great self-revelations onto her detective and grants her no inner peace. But she does her best and boldest work to date in creating a criminal investigation that is a genuine heroic quest."

Ellary Kahan