

## EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



# Chapter Illinois G2

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We had a nice brunch ride on October 5 to the Busy Bee restaurant. Thanks to Tim McGuire for leading that ride and choosing the restaurant.

Our Chili Social on October 19 at the home of Ed and Barb Harms was a huge success. About twenty of us sampled the three chilis and the great appetizers and desserts. Thanks to Ed and Barb Harms for hosting the event in their home and to all who brought food.

The ride after the Chapter meeting went to J. Lauber's in East Troy, Wis. Thanks to Tim for another great ride.

Coming up in November is a dinner on the 9<sup>th</sup> to Gale Street Inn. This restaurant is under new management and they have changed the paradigm from the previous owners. See the flyer on page 5 for details. Our chapter meeting is on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be planning the 2025 calendar at this meeting. So anyone who wants to have input to next year's events should plan on attending.

Let's not forget our holiday party on December 7. It's the final event of the year so I would like to see everyone there. The gift exchange game is a lot of fun. So be sure to bring a gift. Check out the flier on page 6.

On a sad note, we said goodbye to two former G2 members who died recently. Larry MacKay was a member for years. He was an Air Force veteran, MSF instructor, hockey referee a National Veterans Awareness Ride coordinator and was always ready to help anyone repair their bikes. Dee Westergaard was the lovely co-rider of her husband, Errol. She was upbeat and happy and always spoke her mind. May they rest in peace. They both will be missed.

We hope to see you soon.



Ellary and Holly Kahan

# G2 WEB PAGE

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and click the link

## G2 PHOTO ALBUM

**Under  
construction**



### November Birthdays

2 - Maureen Edelman

5 - Monica Fairman

24 - Jim Fairman



### Got something to say?

This is your newsletter. We accept articles from any member. Send your articles to the editor at [ellaryk@gmail.com](mailto: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

# November

9 - Dinner,  
Gale

Street Inn,  
Wanke

24 -

Chapter  
meeting  
and 2025

planning

# December

7 - Holiday

Party,  
Randall

## EWMA Store

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[mysticalmoment.biz](http://mysticalmoment.biz)  
Our shirt color is royal  
blue.

Our EWMA logo color  
is 205 yellow with a  
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To order name badges  
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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

The riding season is finally coming to a close after all the beautiful weather we've been having since the end of the summer. Some of the die hard riders may continue to ride into the next month. But for now we can reflect on the last month.

We started the month of October off with a fantastic ride to our old favorite brunch spot in Wonder Lake, the Busy Bee Restaurant. A few years ago, Craig Gilsinger said that's a pretty good breakfast spot as we passed it on another ride. I've never forgotten that and we have been able to revisit the Busy Bee many times. This time we had ten people including two people riding scooters. Our route led us through Twin Lakes and up to Fish Hatchery Road then back through Walworth and back into town via Keystone and Barnard Mill Roads. Its always a treat to visit the scenery on Keystone once we get past the never ending construction in Genoa City.

Our only other event this month was our annual Chili Social at the home of Ed and Barb Harms. We were able to sample three different kinds of chili including the vegetarian offering from our fearless leader Ellary! There were a variety of raw veggies and a couple of different salads too. A special treat for the second year in a row was Tony's outstanding marinated shrimp! He does it just right and doesn't have to take any home with him because we are all members of the clean plate club when it comes to his shrimp recipe. Thanks to everyone for bringing great food and fun to our Saturday night. Most of all thanks again to Ed and Barb for hosting the wonderful event.

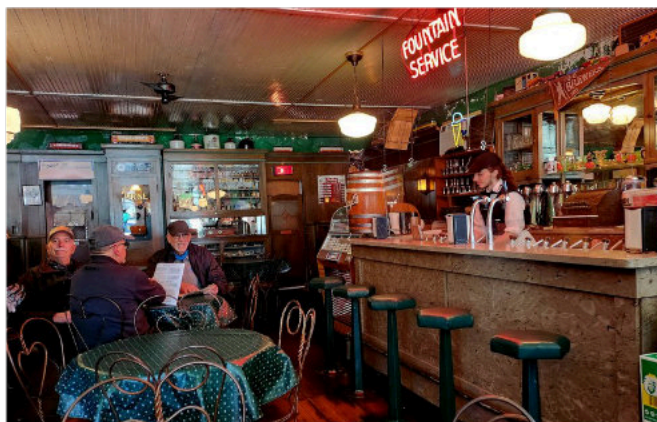
We had an excellent ride after the Chapter Gathering on the twenty seventh. Even though it was chilly in the morning seven people showed up on bikes ready to ride. With me riding in Greg's sidecar, my first time, I might add, I led the group on a fall colors trip through part of southern Wisconsin. Our back roads adventure took us to a destination that allowed us to take a step back in time. We visited J Lauber's Ice Cream Parlor in East Troy. It was a re-creation of an old grocery/drugstore from the 1920's. Many of the items on display came from an old store in Milwaukee and a lot of the instruments and machinery used to make the ice cream were forty to fifty years old and are still in use today. A good time was had by all. Enjoy some of the photos

Until next month take good care, ride safe and don't forget to turn clocks back on November 3 for Daylight Savings Time. We gain an hour, woo hoo!

Tim McGuire



**Busy Bee**



**J. Lauber's**



**The Bunker**



J. Lauber's Ice Cream Parlor  
October 27, 2024



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Is Tony getting a parking ticket at Lauber's  
No, it's only J.T. checking his phone.

# October 27 Meeting Minutes

Chapter Director Ellary Kahan called the October monthly chapter meeting to order at the Whistle Stop Café at 9:30 am. The meeting was attended by Andy Toth, Bob Manion, David Bierman, Ellary Kahan, Gary Cueno, Gary Wanke, Glenn Hanson, Greg Natenberg, Guy Newell, Jim Thomas, Mark Muhlenfeld, Steve Donato, Tim McGuire, and Tony Valicenti.

Ellary passed around a sign-up sheet for the Holiday Party and said that it will be available at the next meeting for additional signees. He said that John Martens asked him to tell every one of the newest Honda recall to replace an internal bolt in 2018-2021 Gold Wings. David stated that if it fails, the engine will shut down without seizing. No details and schedule have been released by Honda so far. Similarly, Tony said that BRP has announced a potential recall of pre-2019 Can-Am Spyder RTs to replace an internal drive shaft. A few have broken and no details and schedule have been publicized.

Tim discussed October events which included a Brunch Ride to the Busy Bee on October 5 and noted that in EWMA spirit, there were more non-Gold Wings riding than Wings that day. Everyone enjoyed the good food and reasonable prices. Speaking of good food and good friends, Tim said that everybody enjoyed both at the Annual Harms Chili Social on October 19. We enjoyed a flavorful vegan chili by Ellary, Barb's chili con carne, and an all-meat chili by Greg, as well as wonderful appetizers, salads, and desserts. Ed and Barb furnished mulled apple cider and coffee, and all left full and happy.

Although Ellary was not optimistic about November rides, he pointed out that there are always warm days popping up, so our riding season may not be over just yet. November will include a dinner organized by Gary Wanke at the Gale Street Inn in Diamond Lake on November 9, and is expected to be just a dinner, but if the weather is warm, it may be a dinner ride. Stay tuned for updates. The Chapter meeting on November 24 will include our annual planning session for 2025 activities, so think about what you would like to do next year and discuss it at the session. Some suggested a winter ride down South. Andy said that next year's National Veterans Awareness Ride will be dedicated to Larry MacKay.

David reminded us of seasonal safety issues such as riding through leaves which can be slippery when wet, and especially slippery when under foot. He also said that as a light changed to green this morning, even though the intersection appeared to be clear, he pulled out slowly just in case a distracted or impaired driver ignored their red light. He also said that an article in Rider by Quinn Redeker, a motorcycle officer, on slow-speed riding, emphasized the use of your feet on the foot pegs, your knees on the tank, and shifting your body position for counterbalancing instead of relying on your handlebars alone which has made him a more proficient slow-speed rider. David said that 2018 and newer Gold Wings are much better balanced than the older Wings and easier to practice the new techniques. He now has fun practicing these techniques on daily rides to avoid road hazards such as sewer covers, pot holes, etc., and has gained new confidence in slow speed maneuvers. **You can get additional information by Quinn Redeker at [policemotortraining.com](http://policemotortraining.com). Videos are also available on YouTube.**

Mark brought up CPR/First Aid training and certification, and the group felt that we were due. Ellary said that EWMA offers this at a low cost to members. Tony will see if Craig's facility would be available.

Tony reminded people that it is deer rutting season and that many dead deer may be on the roads.

The meeting was adjourned around 10:40 am, and Tim led eight of us on a terrific ride to J Lauber's Ice Cream Parlor in East Troy, Wisconsin.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON November 24, 2024.**



Respectfully

Submitted,

Tony Valicenti

**Join us for**

**Dinner**

**Saturday, November 9**

**6:00 P.M.**

**at**

**Gale Street Inn**

**935 Diamond Lake Rd.**

**Mundelein, Ill.**

**RSVP**

**by Wednesday, November 6 to**

**Gary Wanke**

**wanke\_gary@yahoo.com**



Good friends and good cheer,  
It's that time of year!  
Please join us for IL G2's

# Annual Holiday Party

Saturday, December 7th

The Continental Restaurant  
788 S. Buffalo Grove Rd.  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m.  
Provided by G2

Cash Bar

**Dinner to be ordered off the Menu and paid for by the Attendees**

RSVP by Saturday, November 23rd  
Kathy Randall  
[randall8157@aol.com](mailto:randall8157@aol.com)  
or  
text 847-322-8157

## Holiday Gift Exchange

This is optional  
But those that wish to participate should bring a  
\$15.00 to \$20.00 holiday gift wrapped, without tags for the exchange.  
Fun will be had by all who participate!



# The Good Book Guide

In Tess Gerritsen's **The Mephisto Club**, the Latin word *PECCAUI* is scrawled in blood at the scene of a young woman's brutal murder: "I HAVE SINNED". It's a chilling Christmas greeting for Boston medical examiner Maura Isles and Detective Jane Rizzoli, who swiftly link the victim to controversial celebrity psychiatrist Joyce O'Donnell – Maura's professional nemesis and member of a secret society called "The Mephisto Club."

On tony Beacon Hill, the club's acolytes devote themselves to the analysis of evil: Can it be explained by science? Does it have a physical presence? Do demons walk the earth? Drawing on a wealth of dark historical data and mysterious religious symbology, the Mephisto scholars aim to prove a startling theory: that Satan and his demons actually exist among us.

With the grisly appearance of a corpse on the Mephisto Club's doorstep, it's clear that someone – or something – is indeed prowling the city. The members begin to fear the very subject of their study. Have they inadvertently summoned an evil entity from the darkness?

Delving deep into the most baffling and unusual case of their careers, Maura and Jane embark on a terrifying journey to the very heart of evil – where they encounter a malevolent foe more dangerous than any they have ever faced...one whose work is only just beginning.

This gripping thriller combines elements of horror, psychology, and crime.

Gerritsen's writing is tense and atmospheric, effectively building suspense throughout the novel. The characters are well-developed, with Rizzoli's tough exterior and Isles' analytical mind creating a compelling dynamic. The exploration of themes such as morality, the nature of evil, and the impact of trauma adds depth to the narrative.

The plot is intricately woven, featuring unexpected twists that keep readers on the edge of their seats. Gerritsen's background in medicine lends authenticity to the forensic details, making the medical and psychological aspects of the story feel realistic.

I found this to be typical of Gerritsen's talent of writing engaging narratives that are different from typical crime novels. This is a thriller that is also haunting. I was not disappointed.

**Life Support** is another of Tess Gerritsen's medical thrillers.

The story revolves around Dr. Abby DiMatteo, a resident who becomes embroiled in a high-stakes investigation after a series of mysterious deaths at a hospital.

Gerritsen's background in medicine lends authenticity to the medical details, creating a vivid and believable setting. The pacing is brisk, with well-crafted tension that keeps readers on edge. Themes of morality, medical ethics, and the human condition are explored deeply, making the narrative not just a thriller but also a thought-provoking read.

Character development is a strong point; Abby is a relatable protagonist whose struggles with her career and ethical dilemmas resonate well. The supporting cast is equally well-drawn, adding depth to the story.

Overall, *Life Support* combines suspense with insightful commentary on the medical profession, making it a

compelling read for fans of the genre. If you enjoy stories that challenge your perceptions while keeping you guessing, this book is definitely worth picking up.



Tess Gerritsen's **The Keepsake** is a gripping medical thriller that weaves together elements of forensic science, suspense, and character development.

For untold years, the perfectly preserved mummy had lain forgotten in the dusty basement of Boston's Crispin Museum. Now its sudden rediscovery by museum staff is both a major coup and an attention-grabbing mystery. Dubbed "Madam X," the mummy—to all appearances, an ancient Egyptian artifact—seems a ghoulish godsend for the financially struggling institution. But medical examiner Maura Isles soon discovers a macabre message hidden within the corpse—horrifying proof that this "centuries-old" relic is instead a modern-day murder victim.

To Maura and Boston homicide detective Jane Rizzoli, the forensic evidence is unmistakable, its implications terrifying. And when the grisly remains of yet another woman are found in the hidden recesses of the museum, it becomes chillingly clear that a maniac is at large—and is now taunting them.

Archaeologist Josephine Pulcillo's blood runs cold when the killer's cryptic missives are discovered, and her darkest dread becomes real when the carefully preserved corpse of yet a third victim is left in her car like a gruesome offering—or perhaps a ghastly promise of what's to come.

The twisted killer's familiarity with post-mortem rituals suggests to Maura and Jane that he may have scientific expertise in common with Josephine. Only Josephine knows that her stalker shares a knowledge even more personally terrifying: details of a dark secret she had thought forever buried.

Now Maura must summon her own dusty knowledge of ancient death traditions to unravel a murderer's twisted endgame. And when Josephine vanishes, Maura and Jane have precious little time to derail the Archaeology Killer before he adds another chilling piece to his monstrous collection.

Gerritsen's writing is taut and engaging, effectively building tension as the plot unfolds. The dual perspectives of Rizzoli and Isles allow for a rich exploration of both the investigative process and the emotional stakes involved. The themes of obsession, the preservation of life, and the ethical dilemmas of medical practices are explored in depth, making the narrative not only thrilling but thought-provoking.

The pacing is brisk, with twists that keep readers guessing. Gerritsen's background in medicine lends authenticity to the forensic details, enhancing the overall realism of the story. Fans of the series will appreciate the character development, as both Rizzoli and Isles face personal challenges alongside the central mystery.

Overall, *The Keepsake* is a well-crafted thriller that balances suspense with deeper themes, making it a compelling read

Ellary Kahan.