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I attended the EWMA Rendezvous in Green Bay the end of August. I was quite impressed. It was well run and full of activities that included seminars, rides and two dinners that were fun events. The founders' seminar covered the origins of EWMA, the philosophy of the organization and the philosophical differences between EWMA and Wing'd Rider. The officer's seminar was a Q and A format that was heavily influenced by trike owners. The highlight was a seminar by Joey Watson, a former Illinois State Trooper. He discussed membership enhancement, riding techniques and safety issues in a very entertaining format.



In September we enjoyed the brunch ride to the Vegas Cafe in Antioch and a dinner ride to the Village Squire in McHenry. We also enjoyed a ride after the chapter meeting. Our thanks to Steve Donato for planning the dinner ride and to Tim McGuire for leading all these rides.

Our Chili Social is October 19 at the home of Ed and Barb Harms. Check out the flier on page 6 and the food sign-up sheet on page 7. We need one more salad/sides.

Coming up in November is a dinner on the 9th to Gale Street Inn followed by our chapter meeting on the 24th. At this chapter meeting we will be planning the 2025 calendar. 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. More details will be coming later.

If you are having trouble reaching our web site try ewma-world.org/IL-G2 then click the link under my photo.

We hope to see you soon.

Ellary and Holly Kahan

G2 WEB PAGE

www.ilg2.com

Or ewma-world.org/IL-G2

and click the link

G2 PHOTO ALBUM

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October Birthdays

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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

October

5 - Brunch ride

19 - Chili social, Harms

27 - Chapter meeting

November

9 - Dinner, Gale Street Inn, 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

We're getting close to the end of the riding season for the year, but we've had some good trips this month and we have a couple of events coming up next month as well.

We kicked off the month of September with a fantastic ride to Vegas! Not that Vegas, just a fun breakfast place in Antioch, Illinois. The weather was perfect as nine of us, including Greg's daughter Hannah, the sidecar queen, enjoyed a ride in the country, which featured serpentine curves and picturesque views of several lakes. We had great conversation, which included reciting our favorite lines from the motorcycle movie Wild Hogs. Several of us have been to Madrid, New Mexico, home of Maggie's Diner where part of the movie was filmed. We thought it would be fun to grab some pizzas and gather together at Greg's house to watch the movie together. I think we'll do that in October.

The following weekend we had an awesome ride to a new place that Steve Donato picked out for us. The Village Squire in McHenry offered fresh popcorn at the table while we waited for our delicious food. The ride was on an all new route which featured a picture postcard view of Wonder Lake and took us through the town of Hartland where we enjoyed the infamous Deep Cut Road and other scenic roads. After the great dinner many arms were twisted and we decided to go on to the Riverside Chocolate Factory down the road. Many of us have been past there countless times but have never stopped. The chocolate added some calories but tasted good and the ice cream was very tasty too. We had great conversations as we sat on benches outside on the warm fall night. These good times are part of what our EWMA group is all about. We hope to have many more good times in the future.

Coming up in October we have a brunch ride on the fifth to the Busy Bee. If anybody is interested, the annual Slimey Crud Run is the next day in Pine Bluff, Wisconsin. We do not have a planned ride this time but you are welcome to join in the festivities up there if you'd like. Just ask any G2 member what the experience is like as many of us have made the trek over the past several years. On the nineteenth we look forward to another wonderful night at the home of Ed and Barb Harms where we gather together and sample some of the best chili around. Meaty, spicy, vegetarian, whatever your fancy, it's all there. Be a part of it on the nineteenth of October.

That's it for now, as always take good care and ride safe.

Tim McGuire



Vegas
Cafe



Village Squire

Ride After Meeting



September 29 Meeting Minutes

Chapter Director Ellary Kahan called the September monthly chapter meeting to order at the Whistle Stop Cafe at 9:30 am. The meeting was attended by Andy Toth, Bob Manion, David Bierman, Ed Harms, Ellary Kahan, Gary Cueno, Gary Wanke, Greg Natenberg, Jim (JT) Thomas, John Martens, Kathy & Warren Randall, Mark Muhlenfeld, Mike Plumeri, Tim McGuire, and Tony Valicenti.

Ellary began the meeting by recapping the EWMA Rendezvous held in Green Bay, August 28-31. He discussed a meeting with the EWMA founders, who discussed the differences in their philosophy vs. that of Wing'd Riders. Ellary then attended an officers' seminar which had a lot of discussion relating to trikes. He then attended an excellent two-hour seminar by Joey Watson, a retired Illinois State Trooper, who discussed membership concerns and suggested we place a higher priority on action photos of the members, rather than groups of people eating at restaurants. Mr. Watson then discussed riding techniques and safety, followed by videos of crashes and ways to prevent them.

Ellary said that the two EWMA dinners were well attended and the food was pretty good. Some G2 members participated in guided rides around the area. Ellary said that he enjoyed a tour of the National Railway Museum. The 2025 Rendezvous will be in Fort Smith, Arkansas, September 27-30. Ellary thought that we will enjoy riding the historic roads and suggested a one-week trip, which would include two-day travel to and from the rally.

David went back to the comments about activity photos, and said that group photos have a place, because it shows the variety of member types, gender, bikes, etc. Tim and other members said that we should strive to have younger members and guests in the photos, like the 2022 and 2023 picnic, which included young adults and their children having fun. Tony asked JT if he could capture some riding photos when he has his Go Pro camera with him and JT agreed.

Ellary recapped the well-attended Brunch Ride to the Vegas Café in Antioch and the Dinner Ride to the Village Squire in McHenry.

Tim discussed planned October events which include a Brunch Ride to the Busy Bee on October 5 and reminded everyone that the following day is the Fall Slimey Crud Run, and although no formal ride is planned, Tim encouraged all to go. Ed reviewed the Annual Chili Social on October 19, and said that he and Barb expect 21 attendees as of today. See the fliers on the following pages for details.

November will include a dinner at the Gale Street Inn in Diamond Lake on November 9, and may include a ride weather permitting. The Chapter meeting on November 24 will include our annual 2025 planning session. All are welcome to participate.

Kathy presented the Treasurer's Report. Kathy reminded us that the 50-50 drawings are the chapter's only source of income needed to support the chapter's expenses. Kathy then discussed the Holiday Party planning. The group agreed to keep the shrimp and just one appetizer, as well as the dessert. We agreed that gifts should be in the \$15-20 range.

David thanked Mike for making some of the challenge activities available to all of us at the 2024 Amazing Challenge in Davis, West Virginia. Mike discussed the 2025 Challenge at the end of June in Avon, Colorado and said that anyone interested would be emailed and that the attendance would be limited to the first 50 that apply.

David opened a discussion about group riding. David said that just showing up and riding on a planned group ride is inadequate and leads to problems on the ride. Some of the problems and suggestions include:

- the lack of concern for people near them by weaving and changing tracks
- the needs for an awareness of others in the group by all participants
- riders must maintain a safe, but close following distance to avoid issues resulting in separation of the group caused by hesitation at a stop sign or at intersections with traffic signals
- the leader must avoid speeding up too quickly after going through the intersection to avoid creating a space for a driver to cut in and cause a separation
- riders should use their CB to inform riders behind them of traffic changes at intersections
- the importance of having a pre-ride review of group riding goals
- everyone should arrive at the starting location for the pre-ride meeting 15-20 minutes before the departure time for radio checks and to determine the position of each rider in the line
- with large groups it may be beneficial to separate into two or more sub-groups depending on rider abilities and preferences
- new riders should go on several Brunch or Dinner rides to make sure that they are prepared for an all-day ride or a trip

Tony stated that he talks to several people who immediately say that group riding is not for them. Tim suggested that we explain that G2 is a group emphasizing rider education, safety training and fun.

Jim pointed out that we have not had any parking lot practices to maintain to improve our riding efficiency. Ellary said that parking lot practices focus mainly on slow riding skills, and other skills that are emphasized in MSF courses are important as well. Jim said that MSF courses are scheduled to resume in 2025.

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. Someone needs to follow up on this and to find out if Craig's facility would be available.

The meeting was adjourned around 10:40 am, and Tim led eight of us on a ride to Myrt's Ice Cream Shoppe in Sharon, Wisconsin.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
October 27, 2024.**



Respectfully

Submitted,

Tony Valicenti



**Illinois G2
CHILI SOCIAL
Saturday, Oct. 19**

PLEASE JOIN US!

The festivities start at 5:30 PM

Ed and Barb Harms home

18 Whitby Court, Lincolnshire

Hot mulled cider, water and coffee will be provided

BYOB any other beverage you would enjoy

Please check the food list in this month's newsletter.

We are still looking for side dishes or salads to compliment chili

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

RSVP by October 13th

847-910-2031 or barbharms@comcast.net



Chapter Illinois g2
CHILI SOCIAL
Saturday, Oct. 19th
5:30 PM

FOOD SIGN-UP SHEET

Please put your name and what you are bringing

Hors d' oeuvre:

1. TBD – David Bierman & Merle Gleeson
2. TBD – Shelly Brostoff
3. Shrimp – Tony Valicenti

Side dish/Salad:

1. Steve Donato – Green Salad
2. Tim McGuire - TBD
3.

Bread & Butter:

1. Barb Harms

Dessert:

1. Mark Muhlenfeld - Cookies
2. Maureen Edelman – Rick Krispie Treats
3. TBD – Marcia Hanson

Chili:

1. Blair Natenberg - Mild, no vegies
2. Ellary Kahan - Vegetarian
3. Barb Harms - Beef

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

BYOB all other beverages

The Good Book Guide

In Tess Gerritsen's *Vanish*, "a nameless, beautiful woman appears to be just another corpse in the morgue. An apparent suicide, she lies on a gurney awaiting the dissecting scalpel of medical examiner Maura Isles. But when Maura unzips the body bag and looks down at the body, she gets the fright of her life. The corpse opens its eyes.

"Very much alive, the woman is rushed to the hospital, where, with shockingly cool precision, she murders a security guard and seizes hostages...one of them a pregnant patient, Jane Rizzoli.

"Who is this violent, desperate soul, and what does she want? As the tense hours tick by, Maura joins forces with Jane's husband, FBI agent Gabriel Dean, to track down the mysterious killer's identity. When federal agents suddenly appear on the scene, Maura and Gabriel realize that they are dealing with a case that goes far deeper than just an ordinary hostage crisis.

"Only Jane, trapped with the armed madwoman, holds the key to the mystery. And only she can solve it-if she survives the night."

This is what I have seen as typical of Gerritsen: stories that are riveting and deal with realistic issues. The book has been praised for its gripping plot, well-developed characters, and the seamless blend of medical and crime thriller elements. Gerritsen's background as a physician adds authenticity to the medical details, enhancing the overall reading experience. The book will keep you on the edge of your seat, with unexpected twists and a fast paced narrative.

The Bone Garden starts with a recently divorced woman and the old house she has just bought. While digging in her garden she uncovers the skeleton of a woman...

"Present day: Julia Hamill has made a horrifying discovery on the grounds of her new home in rural Massachusetts: a skull buried in the rocky soil-human, female, and, according to the trained eye of Boston medical examiner Maura Isles, scarred with the unmistakable marks of murder. But whoever this nameless woman was, and whatever befell her, is knowledge lost to another time...

Boston, 1830: young Irish immigrant, Rose Connolly, attends to her sister, Aurnia, who is dying after childbirth. Aurnia tells Rose something that Rose doesn't quite understand as she makes her promise to care for her newborn daughter. Soon, "in order to pay for his education, Norris Marshall, a talented but penniless student at Boston Medical College has joined the ranks of local 'resurrectionists' – those who plunder graveyards and harvest the dead for sale on the black market. Yet even this ghoulish commerce pales beside the shocking murder of a nurse found mutilated on the university hospital grounds. And when a distinguished doctor meets the same grisly fate, Norris finds that trafficking in the illicit cadaver trade has made him a prime suspect.

"To prove his innocence, Norris must track down the only witness to have glimpsed the killer: Rose Connolly, a beautiful seamstress from the Boston slums who fears she may be the next victim. Joined by a sardonic, keenly intelligent young man named Oliver Wendell Holmes, Norris and Rose comb the city – from its grim cemeteries and autopsy suites to its glittering mansions and centers of Brahmin power – on the trail of a maniacal fiend who lurks

where least expected . . . and who waits for his next lethal opportunity.

"With unflagging suspense and pitch-perfect period detail, *The Bone Garden* deftly interweaves the thrilling narratives of its nineteenth- and twenty-first century protagonists, tracing the dark mystery at its heart across time and place to a finale as ingeniously conceived as it is shocking. Bold, bloody, and brilliant, this is Tess Gerritsen's finest achievement to date."

This novel also has two love stories within it. One will tear at your heartstrings by the end of the tale. It then returns to the present with the identity of the woman whose skull was unearthed by Julia Hamill. It is beautifully written.

In *Body Double* by Tess Gerritsen, "Boston medical examiner Dr. Maura Isles literally meets her match – and must face a savage serial killer and shattering personal revelations– in the brilliant new novel of suspense by the New York Times bestselling author of *The Surgeon* and *The Sinner*."

"Dr. Maura Isles makes her living dealing with death. As a pathologist in a major metropolitan city, she has seen more than her share of corpses every day – many of them victims of violent murder. But never before has her blood run cold, and never has the grim expression "dead ringer" rung so terrifyingly true. Because never before has the lifeless body on the medical examiner's table been her own.

"Yet there can be no denying the mind-reeling evidence before her shocked eyes and those of her colleagues, including Detective Jane Rizzoli: the woman found shot to death outside Maura's home is the mirror image of Maura, down to the most intimate physical nuances. Even more chilling is the discovery that they share the same birth date and blood type. For the stunned Maura, an only child, there can be just one explanation. And when a DNA test confirms that Maura's mysterious doppelganger is in fact her twin sister, an already bizarre murder investigation becomes a disturbing and dangerous excursion into a past full of dark secrets.

"Searching for answers, Maura is drawn to a seaside town in Maine where other horrifying surprises await. But perhaps more frightening, and unknown murder is at large on a cross country killing spree. To stop the massacre and uncover the twisted truth about her own roots, Maura must probe her first living subject; the mother that she never knew... an icy and cunning woman who could be responsible for giving Maura life – and who just may have a plan to take it away."

The novel is praised for its tight plotting and suspenseful narrative. Gerritsen's medical background adds authenticity to the forensic details, making the story both chilling and believable. The dynamic between Maura Isles and Detective Jane Rizzoli adds depth to the characters and keeps readers engaged. So does this deep dive into Maura's origins.

I'm impressed with every new Tess Gerritsen novel that I read. They seem to get better and better.

Ellary Kahan

