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Chapter Illinois G2

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The Illinois District is looking to change the location for next year's spring Ride In. So, if you have any ideas, please convey them to Tim McGuire. Galena is one possible location.

There is potentially good news for those of us over the age of 75. Illinois House Bill 4431 rescinds the requirement for a road test for those drivers. Illinois is the only state that requires this. However the bill was recently sent to committee, supposedly for political reasons. But it could be resurrected and voted on in the veto session after the election in November. I have also alerted the AMA and they are looking into creating an alert that would go to all members in Illinois. So keep your eye on this bill. If passed it would become effective Jan 1, 2025. I also urge you to call or email your state rep in support of this bill.

About ten of us are planning on going on the trip to West Virginia in June. We have all decided to leave on Father's Day to keep the daily mileage to a reasonable level.

There is plenty to do in June. So please read Tim McGuire's article on page three for details.

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

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June Birthdays
4 - Mark Muhlenfeld
20 - Kim Larsen
21 - Tony Valicenti
25 - Rick Larsen
30 - Bob Manion



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

June

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

July

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

August

- 2-4 - 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.

EWMA

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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

Our riding season is off to a great start! Our first ride of the season was well attended. We went back to an old favorite called Jessica's Family Restaurant in Whitewater, Wisconsin. As always the staff was friendly and the food was excellent. And the weather was perfect too! Since it didn't rain I added an option to ride three Rustic Roads which happened to be nearby. It was unanimous, everybody wanted to experience the joy of a rustic road.

May 11 we had a dinner ride to Greg's favorite place, Fitzgerald's in Genoa City. It too was well attended. I led the route on some amazing roads and we safely navigated the unpaved road surface in front of the restaurant as construction crews had yet to finish repaving the road.

On May 16-18, I attended the Illinois District Rally in Vandalia. Attendance was down slightly this year. We find that people are more interested in a Ride-In than spending time inside, although it is important to have a contingency plan in case it rains. We had a great ride through Giant City Park and then traveled down to Alto Pass to see the Cross at Bald Knob. I had never been there before so it was great fun to see. They offer bike blessings there at certain times and we were told that one time a record was set with 5000 people in attendance for a bike blessing. Back at the hotel we had our infamous baseball tournament with high scoring games. We wrapped things up with a balloon smashing game where some people ganged up on each other. It was hilarious and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Over Memorial Day weekend I led us on a day ride through the Driftless Area of Wisconsin. The scenery is spectacular and the roads are not to be missed. The next day is Rolling Thunder, an annual event that honors all who have served in the military and especially those 82,000 service men and women who are still missing in action.

Looking ahead to June, Gary Cueno is planning a breakfast ride for June 1. The next Saturday, David Bierman will lead us on a dinner ride to the McHenry Snuggery. I'm sure it will be a great time for all.

The following week several of our members will take a week long trip to West Virginia. Some folks will participate in the Amazing Challenge and the group will return with an exhilarating trip through the Windy 9 in Athens County Ohio. Curves and elevation changes are abundant in this area as it proves to be a popular destination for motorcyclists. For anyone interested in EWMA Rallies there are two in Colorado that weekend. Colorado scenery is awesome whether viewed from back roads or the interstate.!

Tim McGuire



Memorial Day Weekend Ride



May 19 Meeting Minutes

Chapter Director Ellary Kahan called the May monthly chapter meeting to order at The Whistle Stop Cafe at 9:35 am. The meeting was attended by Andy Toth, Bob Manion, Dave Hoffheimer, David Bierman, Ellary Kahan, Gary Cueno, Gary Wanke, Greg Natenberg, Jim Thomas, John Martens, Mark Muhlenfeld, Mike Plumeri, Rick Larsen, Steve Donato, and Tony Valicenti.

Gary Cueno reported that the 7 or 8-day West Virginia trip has two departure dates options. The June 16 (Father's Day) early departure date will allow for two 300–325-mile days, while the June 17 departure date will involve a one-day 620-mile ride. Once in Davis, West Virginia, some members may take part in Amazing Challenge activities. Mike Plumeri said that only those who have already registered will be able to compete in the Amazing Challenge. Others will enjoy riding the Greenbrier River Trail and through the new River Gorge National Park, in addition to the Skyline Drive in Shenandoah National Park. The next destination is Athens, Ohio, where the group will have three days riding some of the Windy 9 routes. Some of the group may plan to return after this, but others will stay an extra day in Athens, then ride to Nashville, Indiana for three days of riding Nashville and Brown County roads, then return home with a shorter ride than from Athens. To date, about 10 bikes (13 people) have signed up for this ride, and Gary will supply itineraries to anyone who wants to join in. Preliminary itineraries with routes will be prepared this coming week and finalized the following week. Ellary asked Gary to get a count on the people who intend to leave on June 16, as they will need to get lodging for that evening.

Greg will lead a ride on July 21, beginning at his home in Carpentersville at 9:00 am, down Rt. 20, left on Derinda Rd. on through Mississippi Palisades State Park to Poopy's for lunch. The band may play while we are eating our self-serve lunch in their expanded facility. Greg said that the State Police ride has been canceled this year, the first time in 20 years. Bob said it was due to budget issues.

Greg described the Lake Michigan Circle Ride that he and Dave Hoffheimer are planning for August 1-5. The ride will leave from the Love's service station on Russell Rd. & I-94 at 3:00 pm to Menomonee. John said that if we are looking for a budget-friendly hotel, the Wyndham hotel chain give a discount to EWMA members. 10 bikes (14 people) have signed up to date. Please contact Greg or Dave if you are interested in joining the group.

The EWMA Rendezvous in Green Bay is August 29-31. Gary C. found that the AmericInn by Wyndham in Green Bay West is \$30 less per night than the host hotel. You must reserve through Booking.com.

Ellary reported on the status of House Bill IL 4431, which would eliminate the requirement to take a motorcycle road test to renew your driver's license. Illinois is the only state that requires this. The bill has been sent back to committee for review. Ellary suggests that we contact our state representative to encourage the passing of this bill.

John said that the Illinois Highway Authority have revised their I-Pass policies. A new sticker will be issued to those with I-Pass transponders, and an account balance will no longer be required. Your credit/debit card on file will be charged whenever you accrue a toll, similar to all other states. Your toll will be charged PER AXLE, so if you pull a trailer, you will need a separate transponder for that.

David said that Garmin no longer provides lifetime map updates for some older units, possibly because the new maps are larger and require more file storage. However, when trying to update his 550 and Gary's 665, his could be updated, but Gary's newer unit could not. Tony said that his Garmin XT is not immediately recognized by Garmin Express, but it eventually was, and downloaded North American maps 2024.1. However, Basecamp says that the XT has different maps than the computer and he had to install a route on the XT with Windows Explorer, not Basecamp. He could not load the route in the Whistle Stop parking lot before the after-meeting ride.

The meeting was adjourned at around 10:30 am.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
June 30, 2024.**



Respectfully

Submitted,

Tony Valicenti

Join us for a
Dinner Ride
Saturday, June 8
4:30 PM

to

The Snuggery
801 N River Rd
McHenry, Ill.
(815) 578-9600

R.S.V.P.

to

David Bierman
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by

Wednesday, June 5

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.*

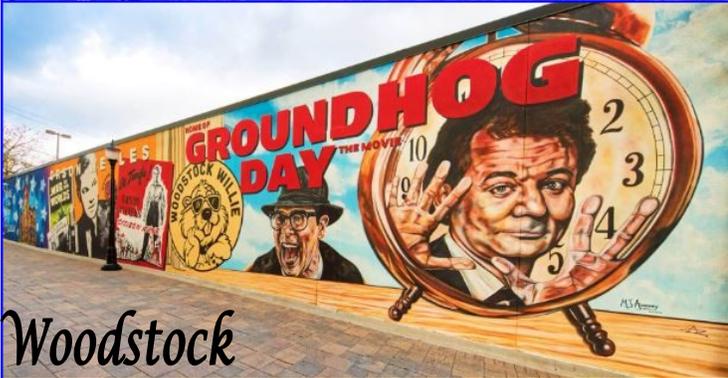
Have fun seeing our state of Illinois and as always "BE SAFE"

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	_____	\$ _____
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
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

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The Good Book Guide

I chose Ruth Ware's *The Turn of the Key* at random from Time magazine's list of the top 100 mystery and thriller novels of all time. I wasn't disappointed.

The novel takes the form of a letter written by a young woman from prison to a lawyer she hopes will take her case. We immediately learn that a child is dead and she has been accused of the child's murder. Her name is Rowan and she has accepted a position with a huge salary as a nanny to the children of two architects living in a rural area of Scotland in Heatherbrae House. The old Victorian house has been completely renovated, with the entire rear portion having been rebuilt. It has been outfitted with the latest electronics, a true smart house with everything controlled by the system, including HVAC, lighting and security.

But the house has a history. The previous owner was a scientist who studied poisonous plants that he kept in an enclosed and gated garden. But his wife dies and then his daughter dies from exposure to one of the deadly plants. So he is left alone in the house, eventually going mad.

The parents leave her alone with the children on day one, leaving for an architecture symposium. She struggles with the children's acceptance of her. And then weird things start to happen, like her hearing footsteps in the attic when no one is there.

But what she doesn't know is that she's stepping into a nightmare that ends with a child's death and her awaiting trial for murder.

The narrative is excellent. The only issue is that it's not likely anyone would write a novel length letter to a prospective lawyer hoping he will take her case. But this is truly a chilling story that will leave you surprised at the ending. The author's web site calls her the Agatha Christie of our time. Having read all of Dame Agatha's books, I concur.

The Federalist papers were written in 1787 and 1788 variously by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay. Their purpose was to argue for the ratification of the new United States Constitution and to counter the dissenting writings of those against it. There were eighty-five papers, most having been written by Hamilton. They were published individually in the local newspapers and in book form before all were written. They explained in detail the reasoning for every article of the Constitution and the deficiencies of the Articles of Confederation, which the Constitution would replace.

The three authors were all lawyers, and the language used is consistent with that. This leads me to believe that their target audience was the learned men in the state legislatures who would be voting to ratify

rather than the general public. So I often found the writing hard to follow, requiring my full attention. But the authors, all framers of the Constitution, make their intentions clear. For example, in number 69, Hamilton makes it clear that the framers chose to limit the penalty for impeachment to removal from office and ban holding future offices because the guilty party would still be subject to criminal prosecution after removal.

While these are not easy to read, they can be read individually over time. I read them over a three-month period.

"The Yiddish Policemen's Union" by Michael Chabon is a captivating blend of alternate history, noir detective fiction, and Jewish mysticism. It's another of Time Magazine's top 100 mystery novels of all time. The story unfolds in an alternate universe where, after World War II, a Jewish homeland was established in Alaska instead of Israel. The Federal District of Sitka serves as the temporary safe haven for Jewish refugees and their descendants. The novel's protagonist, Detective Meyer Landsman, navigates the mean streets of Sitka, where he investigates a murder that could have far-reaching consequences.

Chabon masterfully combines the hardboiled detective genre with Jewish cultural elements. Landsman, our world-weary detective, lives in a seedy flophouse, numbing his investigative instincts with alcohol. The murder victim is a heroin-addicted chess player, and the case seems motiveless. Landsman's sense of mission intensifies because the Jewish settlement in Alaska has a 50-year lease, and the "Reversion" is imminent.

Landsman's ex-wife, now the chief of police during the transition, adds tension to the investigation. A gangster rabbi leads a cult of extremists, and conspiracy theories abound. Landsman's personal struggles—his failed marriage and his sister's mysterious death—add depth to the narrative.

The novel explores identity, faith, and the complexities of being Jewish. Characters reflect on the strangeness of their times, emphasizing that all eras are peculiar for Jews. Chabon's prose evokes the world-weary tone of Raymond Chandler and Dashiell Hammett.

In summary, *"The Yiddish Policemen's Union"* is a page-turning noir with a twist of Yiddish that satisfies on many levels. If you enjoy detective fiction, alternate history, and richly layered storytelling, this novel is well worth exploring.



Ellary Kahan