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April, 2025

Spring is upon us. She tip-toed in with cold weather and is shyly trying to warm us up. We have had two days with temperatures in the seventies then back to the cold. But when there is no rain there is riding weather. So get out there when you can.



Our activities will start in full in May. So April only has a dinner on the 5th. It's early because Passover starts on the 12th. Tim McGuire's article has more detail.

Planning for our trip out west in June will ramp up this month. Gary Cueno and Gary Wanke will be creating the itinerary and meeting with attendees to finalize it. So look for a meeting notice coming soon.

Our Honda dealers are working on the bolt recall for 2018+ Gold Wings. There are now three bolts being replaced, with only one due to the recall. So schedule your work if you haven't done so already. DSP Motorsports will order the parts first then call you to schedule the work.

We hope to see you soon.

Ellary and Holly Kahan

G2 WEB PAGE
www.ilg2.com

**G2 PHOTO
 ALBUM**
**Under construc-
 tion**



April Birthdays
13 - Merle Gleeson
20 - Lonnie Gilsinger

April Anniversaries
4 - Bob & Mary Manion
5 - Ellary & Holly Kahan



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

April

- 5 - Dinner, Thomas
- 27 - Chapter Meeting

May

- 3 - Brunch Ride
- 10 - Dinner Ride, Wanke
- 15 - Ice Cream
- 16-17 - District Rally
- 18 - Chapter Meeting

June

- 1-14 - Colorado Trip
- 18-23 - EWMA Ride-In
- 22 - Chapter Meeting

July

- 5 - Brunch Ride
- 12 - Dinner Ride, Bierman
- 17 - Ice Cream
- 27 - Chapter Meeting

August

- 2 - Brunch Ride
- 9 - Dinner Ride, Donato
- 16 - Ski Show
- 19 - Ice Cream
- 24 - Chapter Picnic
- 26-30 - Rendezvous

September

- 6 - Brunch Ride
- 13 - Dinner Ride, Cueno
- 16 - Ice Cream
- 28 - Chapter Meeting

October

- 4 - Brunch Ride
- 11 - Chili Social
- 18 - Color Ride
- 26 - Chapter Meeting

November

- 8 - Dinner, Kahan
- 23 - Chapter Meeting

December

- 6 - Holiday Party

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

Hello everyone and welcome to April! It's finally starting to get closer to spring and the new riding season. The weather is starting to warm up a bit but we could sure deal with a lot less wind! Today my day started out by finding my neighbor's motorcycle cover lying on the ground halfway across the driveway! Before it was gone for good I quickly spread it out over the bike and tied it down to a foot peg. I remember when he got that bike back in the middle of last summer, he was truly a newbie! No safety gear and he stalled it four times going down the driveway. But he purchased that baby and now he rides every chance he can get, riding with full gear on every ride. Nice to see yet another person enjoying our sport.

Since the second Saturday of April is Passover, our monthly dinner will be on the first Saturday this month. Ellary has lined things up for a fantastic dinner at La Hacienda de los Fernandez in Deer Park. We've been there before and always like to go back for the Mexican Style Shrimp Cocktail. Hope you can join us. The dinner is the only thing we have planned for April right now. But May is when things get exciting.

We begin May with a brunch ride on the third. The Spring Edition of the Slimey Crud Run is on the fourth for anyone who desires to take a road trip to the Madison area. This would be on your own as we don't have a group trip planned as of now. May 10 we have a dinner ride scheduled and we have an ice cream ride scheduled for May 15. On the weekend of May 16 and 17 we have our Spring Rally in Pekin, Illinois. This is a new location for us, it's just west of Bloomington and south of Peoria along the Illinois River. We have a couple of rides planned including one to a train museum. There is also a short train ride and a spaghetti dinner planned on one evening. See the flier in this issue for more details. We wrap this month up with the Chapter Gathering on May 18. Gary Cueno will have more details on the June trip this month also.

Take good care and see you on the open road.

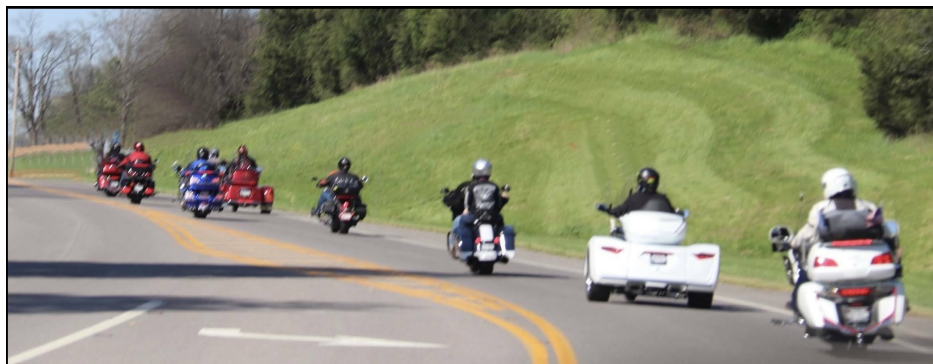
Tim McGuire

Join us for
Dinner
Saturday, April 5
6:00 PM
at
La Hacienda De Los Fernandez
21520 Field Parkway
Deer Park, Ill.
847-550-9413

R.S.V.P.
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Wednesday, April 2



2025 ILLINOIS DISTRICT SPRING RALLY - RIDE IN



May 16th - 17th

NO HOST HOTEL:

Registration: Members - Free Non Members - \$ 10.00

FRIDAY RIDE 4:00 PM

SATURDAY MONTICELLO TRAIN RIDE - \$15.00 (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

SATURDAY SPAGHETTI DINNER - AVANTI'S RISTORANTE (\$11.00)

- **Daily 50/50**
- **Light Show**

- **Rides**
- **and More...**

HOTELS

SUPER 8 (309) 760-0696

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS (309) 353-3305

HAMPTON INN (309) 885-7005

ECONO LODGE& SUITES (309) 354-6926

CAMPING

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2025

ILLINOIS DISTRICT SPRING RALLY

"WINGIN WITH FRIENDS"

MAY 16TH - 17TH

RIDER NAME: _____ EWMA# _____ EXP Date _____

CO-RIDER NAME: _____ EWMA# _____ EXP Date _____

ADDRESS: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email _____

District _____ Chapter _____ Position Held _____

Registration Number of Members _____ x FREE

Number of Non-Members _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Friday Ride @ 4:00 PM * **Total Attending** _____

Saturday Train Ride * Yes ☐ NO ☐ _____ x \$15.00 = _____

(Monticello Railway mrym.org)

Saturday Dinner Yes ☐ NO ☐ _____ x \$11.00 = _____

(Avanti's Ristorante Pekin)

* Rides will depart from - Tremont Community Center

216 S Sampson St. Tremont, IL

Total Cost to Pay \$ _____

Friday: 4:00 pm (arrive 15 min. early)

MAIL REGISTRATION TO: Bob Asams

Saturday: 8:30 am (arrive 15 min. early)

1600 Riverdale Rd Lot 107, Rock Falls, IL 61071

We agree to conform and comply with the rules governing this event and further agree to hold harmless EWMA, co-sponsoring organizations, or any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this event. I/we agree to assume responsibilities for any property which I/we damage. I/we have read this waiver and agree with all stipulations on this entry form with signature (s) below:

FORM MUST BE SIGNED BELOW BY ALL REGISTRANTS

Rider's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Co-Rider's Signature _____ **Date** _____

The Good Book Guide

The *Unlikely Spy* is Daniel Silva's first novel. It is a gripping World War II espionage thriller that masterfully blends historical events with a fictional narrative. Published in 1996, this novel stands apart from Silva's later *Gabriel Allon* series, instead of being a self-contained, intricate spy story set against the backdrop of the Allies' efforts to deceive Nazi Germany about the D-Day invasion.

The story follows Alfred Vicary, a British intelligence officer and confidant of Winston Churchill, who is tasked with uncovering German spies embedded within Britain. One of these spies is Catherine Blake, a deep-cover Nazi agent with a lethal skill set and unwavering devotion to her mission: uncovering details about Operation Overlord—the Allies' planned invasion of Normandy. As Vicary races against time to thwart her efforts, the novel unfolds in a tense cat-and-mouse game filled with deception, code-breaking, and deadly betrayals.

Silva meticulously weaves real historical events, figures, and espionage tactics into his narrative, making the novel feel authentic and immersive. Both the protagonist and antagonist are well-developed. Catherine Blake is particularly compelling as a highly capable and ruthless spy, challenging the conventional femme fatale trope. The novel maintains a steady, engaging pace, balancing espionage intrigue with character-driven moments. Silva's storytelling keeps readers invested in the outcome. The novel explores the moral ambiguities of war, where lies and sacrifices become necessary weapons.

The beginning is heavy on setup, which may deter readers looking for immediate action. With multiple plot lines and intelligence operatives, some secondary characters might feel underdeveloped or difficult to track.

For fans of historical espionage fiction, *The Unlikely Spy* delivers a tense, well-researched thriller with high stakes and compelling characters. While it lacks the polish of Silva's later works, it remains a solid entry into the genre, especially for those who enjoy *Ken Follett* or *John le Carré*.

A Death in Vienna (2004) is the fourth book in Daniel Silva's *Gabriel Allon* series, continuing the saga of the Israeli intelligence officer and art restorer as he unearths long-buried secrets of the Holocaust. This novel dives deep into historical atrocities while delivering a tense, fast-paced espionage thriller. It is the last of the three book Holocaust series.

Gabriel Allon, a former Israeli Mossad agent turned art restorer, is pulled back into the world of espionage when a bombing at a Holocaust research office in Vienna kills his friend. Investigating the attack, he uncovers a chilling link to a former Nazi war criminal, Erich Radek, who has reinvented himself as a wealthy and powerful businessman. As Allon digs deeper, he confronts not only Radek but also a network of individuals who want to keep the past buried. His mission becomes a race against time to expose the truth before those in power silence him for good.

Silva seamlessly blends real history with fiction, offering a harrowing look at the horrors of the Holocaust and post-war Nazi cover-ups. Gabriel Allon is a deeply layered character—intelligent, haunted, and morally conflicted, making him a compelling lead. The novel maintains

relentless tension, balancing espionage action with investigative intrigue. Unlike some spy thrillers that focus solely on action, *A Death in Vienna* carries deep emotional resonance, particularly in its portrayal of Holocaust survivors and the lasting scars of history.

A Death in Vienna is a gripping and thought-provoking spy novel that delves into the horrors of the Holocaust and the pursuit of justice decades later. With strong character development and a well-researched historical backdrop, it's one of Silva's more powerful works. While not as action-driven as some modern thrillers, its depth and emotional impact make it a must-read for fans of historical espionage fiction.

Prince of Fire (2005) is the fifth novel in Daniel Silva's *Gabriel Allon* series. Following the intense and historically charged narrative of *A Death in Vienna*, this novel shifts to more contemporary Middle Eastern conflicts, delving deeper into Allon's character and his ties to the Mossad.

The story begins with a devastating bombing at the Israeli embassy in Rome, an attack traced back to a Palestinian mastermind named Khaled al-Khalifa. When Gabriel Allon's personal dossier is discovered at a terrorist's safe house, it becomes clear that his past has caught up with him. Tasked with dismantling Khalifa's network and preventing future attacks, Allon faces not only a relentless enemy but also the ghosts of his own tragic history. The novel explores the historical grievances and personal motivations fueling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, offering a layered perspective that avoids oversimplification.

Gabriel Allon's character deepens as we see more of his vulnerabilities—his traumatic past, his complicated relationship with violence, and his struggle to find peace. While Silva writes from an Israeli viewpoint, he portrays the complexity of the Middle Eastern conflict with nuance, examining the humanity on both sides. The plot is fast-paced, maintaining tension with well-executed action scenes and high-stakes intelligence operations. Silva expertly balances suspense with quieter, reflective moments. Silva's attention to historical and geopolitical detail adds depth to the narrative. The exploration of Middle Eastern history and its impact on present-day terrorism is thoughtful and informative.

The thin line between seeking justice and seeking revenge is a recurring moral dilemma for Allon. He grapples with his dual identity as a spy and an art restorer, symbolizing his conflict between destruction and creation. Silva portrays the enduring pain caused by historical tragedies and ongoing violence in the Middle East.

Prince of Fire is a gripping, intelligent thriller that captures the complexity of modern terrorism and the enduring wounds of history. It appeals to fans of espionage fiction who appreciate psychological depth alongside high-stakes action. For those invested in the *Gabriel Allon* series, it's a rewarding continuation that sets the stage for future books while deepening the emotional layers of the protagonist.



Ellary Kahan