

**EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION**



# **Chapter Illinois G2**

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The riding season is finally getting started after inconsistent weather in April. I'm sure many of you are eager to get rolling so our activities are ramping up this month. For details see Tim McGuire's article on page 3.

We had a nice dinner at La Hacienda De Los Fernandez on April 5. This restaurant has a great tasting shrimp cocktail as a highlight of their menu. We always enjoy going back here for the good food and excellent service.

At our April chapter meeting Tim discussed the calendar of events for the next few months. Then Gary Cueno talked about the June trip and the meeting to finalize the itinerary. Gary Wanke talked about the May dinner ride to Paisano's On Broadway in Richmond (see the flier on page 4).

Finally, we welcomed David Bierman on his return from wintering in Arizona. He discussed the new 2025 Gold Wing and its lack of built in navigation. He mentioned that many owners there are using a Bluetooth dongle that remains connected to the bike. So one's phone is paired with the dongle, not the bike. This apparently simplifies the connections.

We hope to see you soon.

Ellary and Holly Kahan



# G2 WEB PAGE

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## G2 PHOTO ALBUM

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### May Birthdays

17 -Jeff Schmidt
26 - Tim McGuire

### May Anniversaries

5 - Jerry & Maureen Edelman
9 - Warren & Kathy Randall



### 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

### May

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

### June

1-14 - Colorado Trip  
22 - Chapter Meeting

### July

5 - Brunch Ride  
12 - Dinner Ride, Bierman  
17 - Ice Cream  
26-27 Region E Ride-In  
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](http://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

### CEO:

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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

**A**fter five months of waiting for winter to come and go, we are starting to see some nice weather finally! Yes we still have some strong winds...my neighbor's bike cover still flies off now and then and I've had to secure it. He continues to ride every day that it is nice and is getting better at securing the cover. But sometimes he's too eager to get back inside after a good ride.

We're getting ready to ride, mates! By the time this article comes out we will have gotten one ride in so far. The weekend forecast called for overcast but 59 degrees so I planned for a ride after the Chapter Gathering. We had a great ride with lots of twists and turns and wide open spaces in the country where we could twist the throttle a bit. Then we came back to reality after the whirlwind adventure and went for ice cream. Since many other people, non-riders included, had the same idea for ice cream the street parking was non existent. Problem solved, we parked in a back lot and followed a secret walkway to our reward after a good ride.

This brings us to May which should be an exciting time. I have to be out of town the first weekend but Gary is planning to take the group on a fantastic ride on May 3. He may follow one of my routes or he may choose one of his own. We'll have to see what he decides, but it should be great and the weather is supposed to be good too.

Then on May 10 Gary Wanke will be hosting a dinner ride. We look forward to joining you for dinner Gary, let me know the location and I'll plan the route. We hope for more good weather through the following week for more events.

Right now we have an ice cream ride planned for May 15. I will be on my way to the District Rally in Pekin, Illinois that day. We could reschedule that ride, or if that day is best, we could have a different leader for the ride. Our District Rally is in a new location this year and will feature a daily 50/50 raffle, light show, and several riding opportunities. One of the rides will be going to a train museum followed by a spaghetti dinner in the evening. See the flyer in the issue for more details. We wrap up May with a Chapter Gathering on May 18.

June is wide open with possibilities! Gary Cueno and Gary Wanke have been putting together a wonderful trip that should last about two weeks. The tentative itinerary is bursting with opportunities to ride all over Colorado and Utah and they are also tempting us with a possible three day addition to the trip if people wish to explore further. They will be meeting this month to fine tune the trip so more detailed information will be coming soon. If you are not planning to go on any or all of this trip let me know and we can find some riding opportunities here in the local area.

Remember that the International Ride In that was scheduled for June 18-23 has been CANCELLED. We don't have any further information on this so if you want to do some riding during that time let me know and I will see what we can do. Our Chapter Gathering for June will be on June 22.

That's the schedule for May and June folks. Hope you can join us for as many events as will work into your schedule.

Until next time, take good care and ride safe!

Tim McGuire

Join us for a  
Dinner Ride  
Saturday, May 10  
4:30 PM

to

Paisano's On Broadway  
5614 Broadway St.  
Richmond, IL.  
(815) 678-4500

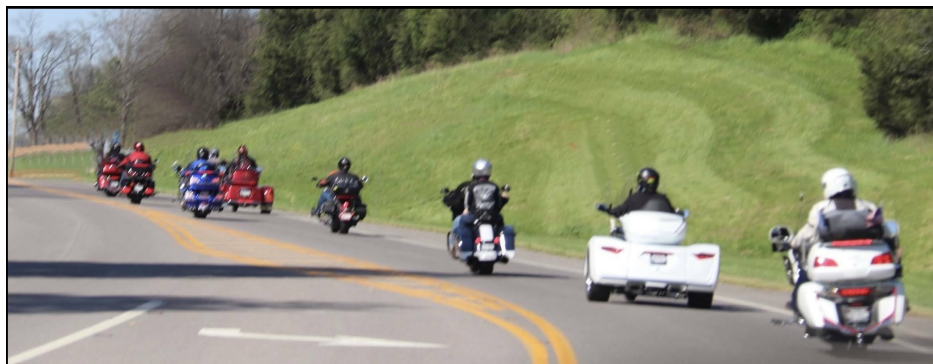
R.S.V.P.

to

Gary Wanke  
wanke\_gary@yahoo.com  
by  
Wednesday, May 7



# 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**

**KENTUCKIANA KAMPGROUND (309) 449-3274**

**LEISURE OAKS (309)-635-6915**





# 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](http://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** \_\_\_\_\_

**EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION**



**Region E Ride-In  
July 25-26, 2025  
Richland Center, Wisconsin**

**Host Hotel: Ramada by Wyndham**

1450 Veterans Drive, Richland Center, WI 53581  
608-647-8869 Ask for the Eagle Wings block at \$109 +tax  
(\$96 on Hotel Engine, but check cancellation policy)  
Buffet breakfast available

**Campground Information: Alana Springs Campground**

22628 Covered Bridge Drive, Richland Center, WI 53581  
608-647-2600  
We are working to secure a group area and group rate

*Come ride the Driftless area of Wisconsin with us!*  
*Curvy Roads Beautiful Scenery*  
*Restaurants Local History*  
*Rides leave daily from Vetesnik Power Sports!*

**Register by July 1st: \$10 per EWMA member / \$15 non-member**

**After July 1st (incl. on-site): \$15 per member / \$20 non-member**

**Payable to: EWMA Region E**

Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EWMA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EWMA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Not riding with you)/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

EWMA Chapter Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to "EWMA Region E" and remit to: Sue Thompson, Region E Treasurer,  
3500 Edgewood Road NE #217, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402*

# The Good Book Guide

**T**he *Messenger* by Daniel Silva is a gripping spy thriller, the sixth installment in his Gabriel Allon series. Like the other books in the series, it blends art restoration, espionage, and political intrigue in Silva's signature style.

Gabriel Allon, Israeli intelligence officer and art restorer, is drawn back into the dangerous world of espionage after the discovery of a terrorist plot that could strike at the heart of the Vatican. As Allon follows leads from Rome to London to the Middle East, he becomes entangled in a web of religious extremism, political corruption, and global terrorism.

Silva keeps the plot moving at a thrilling pace, with high-stakes twists that rarely let up. It's a true page-turner. Allon continues to evolve, and Silva gives even supporting characters depth—particularly Sarah Bancroft, a standout in this novel. The novel explores themes of terrorism and the clash of cultures in a post-9/11 world, making it feel both urgent and timely. Silva has a knack for evoking place, whether it's the elegance of European capitals or the tension of Middle Eastern hotspots.

*The Messenger* is a smart, stylish, and suspenseful novel that delivers both thrills and thought-provoking moments. If you're into international espionage with a literary twist, Silva delivers in spades. It's also a strong entry point into the Gabriel Allon series if you haven't read the others.

*The Secret Servant* kicks off with Israeli intelligence operative Gabriel Allon being sent to Amsterdam to investigate the murder of a professor with links to Islamic extremism. What starts as a straightforward mission quickly escalates into a full-blown crisis when a high-profile American is kidnapped in London. As Allon races against time, he uncovers a terrorist plot that threatens the very heart of Western civilization.

The plot is fast-moving and filled with tension, especially once the kidnapping kicks into gear. Silva knows how to ratchet up the suspense. This book, like many in the series, explores real-world issues—particularly the radicalization of European Muslim communities and the complexities of counter terrorism. It feels like a warning as much as a thriller. By this point in the series, Allon is a well-developed, compelling protagonist. He's haunted, brilliant, and a bit of a loner, making him a fascinating lens through which to view the geopolitical landscape. Sarah Bancroft returns and

plays a key role, and there's a solid supporting cast that adds emotional depth and tension. Themes of surveillance and civil liberties are especially relevant, particularly in post-9/11 London, making this more than just a shoot-'em-up thriller.

*The Secret Servant* is a sophisticated thriller that blends entertainment with thoughtful political commentary. It's ideal for readers who enjoy spy novels with substance—think John le Carré with a more modern, action-driven twist. Silva's mix of real-world detail, elegant prose, and relentless tension makes this another strong entry in the Gabriel Allon saga.

In *The Moscow Rules*, Gabriel Allon heads to Russia, stepping into the dark, ruthless world of post-Soviet oligarchy and espionage. When a Russian journalist is murdered in Paris, Allon uncovers a trail that leads to Ivan Kharkov, a former KGB officer turned billionaire arms dealer. As Allon attempts to stop Kharkov from selling weapons to terrorists, he and his team are drawn into one of their most dangerous operations yet—deep inside Putin's Russia.

After several books focused on Islamic terrorism, *The Moscow Rules* feels fresh and different, plunging into the shadowy politics of modern Russia. The vibe is colder, darker, and deeply atmospheric. Silva crafts Kharkov as a chilling embodiment of the new breed of ultra-wealthy, power-hungry Russian elites. You can feel the Putin-era influence without Silva ever needing to name names. This book leans hard into traditional espionage—brush passes, dead drops, surveillance, false identities. It feels like Silva's nod to Cold War thrillers with a modern twist. The buildup is slow and deliberate, but the payoff is worth it. The final act in Russia is tense, cinematic, and one of the series' better climaxes. We see more of Gabriel's relationship with Chiara, and the introduction of new allies (and enemies) keeps the series evolving.

*The Moscow Rules* is a cerebral, haunting, and expertly crafted thriller that taps into the uneasy relationship between the West and modern Russia. It's one of Silva's more sophisticated books, with a story line that feels all too plausible. If you enjoy geopolitical intrigue with a real-world edge, this one delivers in spades.

Ellary Kahan

