



April 2021



FL-2L The Lakeland Fireballs

"The Fireball"



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Monthly Chapter

Gathering

*1st Saturday
Of the month*

*Lake Parker Park
910 Granada Street*

*Off Lakeland Hills
BLVD*

2nd entrance

@ 9:00 AM



2020 Couple of the Year

Kenny & Deb Weberman

April Schedule

Ford's Garage

Gathering

Flames Meeting

Team Meeting

Dairy Queen

Cody's Roadhouse

Bedrock Wings

Mason Jar

Firehouse Subs

April 6th

April 10th

April 13th

April 14th

April 15th

April 17th

April 22nd

April 24th

April 26th

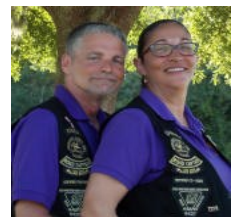


**2017 Florida District
Chapter of the Year**

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Assistant District Directors

District Contact for the Fireballs



Stay safe!

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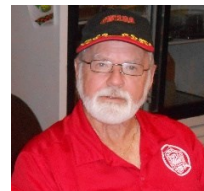
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Greeter Chapter Lotto Couple of the Year

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Spring as Sprung!

Up North a sure sign of spring was the return of the robins. Down here it seems to be the start of the reverse migration of the snowbirds. In my community, we are already hearing about how many weeks before people have to start heading back. Previously, that would mean less crowds and traffic but now I am not sure that is going to happen because of all the recent growth in Lakeland.

The Florida District Rally is over once again I did not win anything but Rosemary did!!!!!! She won large 50/25/25. A few others won items and Dottie was able to convince me to buy her a new/used trike she found at the Rally. I happen to really like it so I can see some riding conflicts in our future. I want to say THANK YOU to all those who came and helped out at our Rally duty station.

We have changed the April Gathering to Saturday April 10 to avoid a conflict with Easter weekend. The good news is we are zeroing in on some indoor locations for our Gathering. More about that soon.

The ride schedule for April looks a bit light but with Easter weekend and our

Gathering not much time is available. I am sure there will be weekday pickup rides so watch our closed Facebook page for details.

We are planning to have a Road Captains class shortly with the classroom portion during the week and then doing the riding portion on one of our weekend rides or our pickup rides. Everyone is invited and if you have had it previously it would be a good refresher. Watch for details in the "Happenings" .

Be Safe and be Aware of the changeable weather. 50's today and 90's in a few days can make riding with the wrong clothes uncomfortable

Ed Bahrenburg CD for the FireBalls



Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg

Florida District Rally Results

April 2021

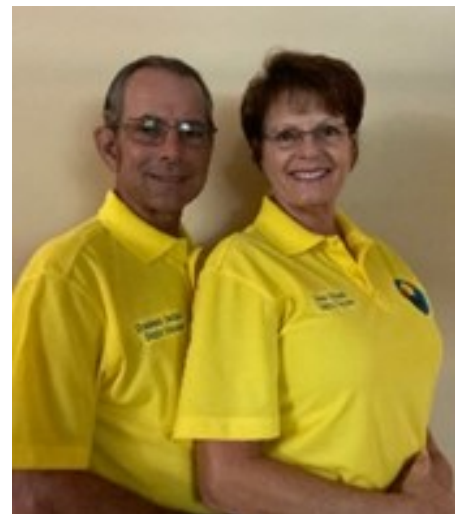
Wow! Where has the time gone! It is April already! We just returned from the amazing Florida District Rally. A good time was had by all! There were many out of state chapters and visitors. Everyone agreed we needed to get out and start socialization again. Of course, following CDC guidelines. I think all the out of state chapters wanted to see how we do it and if it was successful. It was and we met so many fun and interesting people.

Diane and I were very busy at the Rider Education table trying to answer all your questions and help you with your level's status. We also sold over 20,000 Rally Tickets to support Rider Ed programs. Thank you for working hard to sell the tickets. This has been a challenging 12 months. The Rally tickets will be

Orange again next year as FL1-F2 (Ocala) sold a whopping 5110 tickets. Outstanding job! They also sold 2 of the 3 winning tickets.

Mr. Gary Young won \$10,000 and was very excited. His birthday was the day after the drawing, and he wanted to Trike his bike but couldn't afford to do it. Now he can!! The ticket was sold to him by Harold Brown of FL1-F2 (Ocala). Jerry Davis won \$1000.00 and oddly enough has a birthday soon as well. He was very happy and is going to go visit his out of state son with the money. Guess who sold the ticket? Yup, Linda Hojnacki of FL1-F2 (Ocala). Great job!

The \$500.00 winner is Brian Shad of New York and the ticket was sold by Jeanette Carr of FL1-K. Oh, and by the way the 3 members who sold the winning tickets get \$200



each. So go out and sell those tickets. It could be money in your pocket, and you get the benefit of Rider Ed courses at no cost to you. Congratulations to all!!

Ride Safe !!

Dominick and Diane

Dan and Mary Costello Director of Membership Enhancement



As we all know, Fun is an important aspect for each of us in the organization. We all understand the value of our limited free time and we do not want to waste any. We want to maximize our fun especially within our chosen hobby. We hear it all the time that when something stops being fun, we will walk away and start looking elsewhere for fun things to do. This was prior to COVID and it will return when COVID goes away, so we need to be ready to get back to finding the fun.

We also understand that fun is contagious so, GWRRA Members in leadership positions need to let all other Members know about fun by contributing articles on Chapter functions and ride reports to Chapter and District newsletters. Again, all the newsletters should get you to think the same thing, namely "we had fun with this, why don't you try it."

So finding and trying new things is easily accomplished by reading and borrowing from other Chapter and District newsletters. The GWRRA Fun Guide is also a great resource to help our Members. The ideas are provided to all of us to use and grow our Chapters or Districts. Recently we have also started publishing an MEP Newsletter, *Here's The Scoop*, with additional ideas of having fun during the COVID restrictions. These ideas are provided by Districts and Chapters throughout North America. Having the ideas is only one piece of the puzzle we are all trying to solve, namely getting the fun to ALL members. So the next piece of the puzzle is to get the information to those active and non-active Members. Keeping Chapter Members involved during COVID is very important. A simple Zoom call with a fun activity will help keep the Membership engaged.

Active Members are those who join in on most of the present Chapter activities. Keeping these Members active is accomplished by offering them a wide choice of fun. The choice is then theirs, to ride, to join in on dinner or ice cream runs, to join house parties or whatever you and your leadership present. The true challenge is to get the non-active Members involved. This is where the ARL becomes an important tool for the Chapter and District, especially with the restrictions imposed by COVID.

The ARL, as we all know, is a compiled list of all GWRRA Members assigned by the home office to your Chapter or District. The important fact about this list is that every single name listed has opted into contact and correspondence concerning GWRRA. The ARL is your best tool to produce the maximum benefit to your Chapter or District by making contacting via email regarding your Chapter activities. The ARL is a readymade mass mailing list for email, phone numbers and home addresses and each listing has stated they WANT to be included in GWRRA activities.

So to grow your Membership on a Chapter level, use your ARL and work with the Chapter Director by sending copies of your newsletters (with pictures), short articles of recent activities, rides or places visited. Do your best to convince the non-active and active GWRRA Members that you and your Chapter are just the place for them and the most fun people to be around. Put on your best image for them by welcoming them to join you at your next gathering, activity or Zoom event.

We will all have more fun because fun is contagious and FUN is why we joined and why we stay.

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April 2021 Riding Adventures:

Greetings Fireballs from your chapter Ride Coordinator. We have a full and fun calendar for April. If there are any ride changes an email will be sent and the calendar and Facebook will reflect them.

The first weekend of April is Easter weekend so the Gathering will be held on the 2nd Saturday on the month on the 10th, the location at this time will be Lake Parker park.

April 17th—We will leave 98 south RaceTrac @ 10:00 AM for a ride to Cody’s Roadhouse in Sebring.

4/24— We will leave from 98 North & Marcum RaceTrac @ 10:00 AM for lunch at the Mason Jar in Umatilla.

Please check the Fireball calendar and watch for the weekly “Happenings” emails with additional information for each destination. And more to come in

Let’s Ride!

Keith Dunn



Sidney Flood	April 2nd
Monika Flood	April 14th
Bev Gillis	April 10th
Bruce LoBach	April 23rd



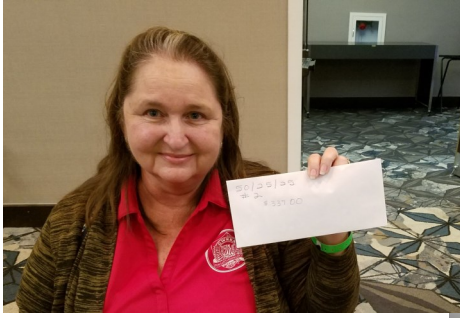
Leon & Kathy Rumohr April 29th



GWRRR Anniversary
for April 2021

Frank & Debbie King	2005
Sidney & Monika	2006
Rich Baxter	2013

TAKING A LOOK DOWN THE CAMERA LENS



She definitely had the Luck of the Irish!

Lakeland Fireballs
 There are lots more Photos on our website www.lakelandfireballs.org. Mike does a wonderful job as our photographer, so take a look.



Team Meeting and Ice Cream night combined!
 Not one of my best ideas, too noisy!!!



Congratulations to the March Winners! The Bailey's also had the luck of the Irish!



The Fireballs first Rummage sale!



Flames future ride!!!



Fireballs Hard at work and having fun!



April 2021

LLA Shell - Corner of Airport & Drane Field Rd
 RACETRAC—Bartow Road (98S)
 MC92—Corner of Memorial & Combee Road
 RACETRAC - Corner of US 98N & Marcum Rd

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Sidney Flood Monika Flood Bev Gillis Bruce LoBach	April 2nd April 14th April 10th April 23rd		1	2	3 
	5	6 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM Ford's Garage 879 Lakeland Park Centre Drive	7	8	9	10 Monthly Gathering @ 9:00 AM <i>Lake Parker Park 910 Granada Street Off Lakeland Hills BLVD 2nd entrance</i>
11	12 	13 Flames Meeting @ 11:30 Olive Garden 3911 US Hwy 98 North	14 Team Meeting @ 6:30 Ed & Dottie's home	15 Meet @ 7:00 pm Dairy Queen 4710 US Hwy 98 N For dessert only	16	17 Leave RaceTrac 98 South @ 10:00 AM Cody's Roadhouse Sebring
18	19	20	21 	22 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM Bedrock Wings 4836 Hwy 92 East	23	24 Leave RaceTrac 98 N & Marcum @ 10:00 AM Mason Jar Umatilla
25	26 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM Firehouse Subs 4141 US Hwy 98 North	27	28	29	30 	Leon & Kathy Rumohr April 29th



Great American Picnic

- 4th of July in January



FL2-L RALLY
JANUARY 22, 2022
10AM-2PM

REGISTRATION \$12
INCLUDES LUNCH



LOCATION:
The Hamptons
Community Club House
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