



August 2021



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**Monthly Chapter**

**Gathering**

*1st Saturday*

*Of the month*

*Eat at 8:30 am*

*Meeting at 9:30 am*



**4705 US Hwy 98N**

**Lakeland, Florida**



**2020 Couple of the Year**

Kenny & Deb Weberman

**August Schedule**

<b>Tapatio's</b>	<b>August 03rd</b>
<b>Gathering</b>	<b>August 07th</b>
<b>Flames Meeting</b>	<b>August 10th</b>
<b>Smokey Bones</b>	<b>August 12th</b>
<b>Rooster's</b>	<b>August 14th</b>
<b>Team Meeting</b>	<b>August 16th</b>
<b>Country Angels</b>	<b>August 21st</b>
<b>II Forno</b>	<b>August 25th</b>
<b>Big Tom's</b>	<b>August 28th</b>
<b>Firehouse Subs</b>	<b>August 31st</b>



**2017 Florida District  
Chapter of the Year**

**Rick & Madalena Buck**

**Assistant District Directors**

**District Contact for the Fireballs**



Stay safe!

National Director  
Jere & Sherry Goldman

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FL-2L The Lakeland Fireballs

"The Fireball"



# FIREBALL TEAM

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## **Greeter Chapter Lotto Couple of the Year**

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## Chapter Director

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CHANGE- It is inevitable

As we returned to Lakeland we find that things are CHANGEING quite rapidly back to pre-COVID days. On our trip we found that other areas around the country were not opening as fast as we were here in Florida which made for some interesting adjustments. Let's hope that we don't fall back into the closed down situation again.

Our Chapter has been doing Rides, Meet and Eats and Gatherings now for some time. People are still a bit cautious but getting out and having FUN.

A number of Chapter members have fallen (CHANGE) by the wayside due to health, selling the bike or moving out of the area but the GREAT NEWS is that we have (CHANGE) picked up some new members who have moved into town. Make sure you say HELLO to Vern and Carolyn Watt who have the lowest GW number I have ever seen at 33. Also, Larry Bintliff and Donna Seeger have joined us. They bought Carol and Jerry Walls trike WELCOME!!!!

An item that has come up at our Team Meetings is that most of us have held the

same positions or have held a position for many years. Some of us are getting tired and would like a CHANGE. This means that we need more Chapter participants to step up and become more active. We have a job for anyone who wants to help out the Chapter. The sad fact is that without people helping out, those who are "working" get burnt out, lose their enthusiasm and positions become unfilled. Feel free to contact anyone who is holding a position to find out what is really involved and maybe give it a try!

The last item of CHANGE is regarding our FireBall Rally. The Team has decided to cancel the Rally for 2022. There are several reasons for NOT doing the Rally but it boils down to a concern of our fewer members working harder for little financial reward. We would need a guaranty of at least 100 paying people to attend the Rally in order to make the event worthwhile. At this time, it would appear unlikely we would hit those numbers. The Chapter is very solid financially due to the hard work and success of previous events, so we



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have plenty of time to address the fund-raising situation.

Please Ride SAFE and don't forget to HYDRATE

Ed Bahrenburg CD for the FIREBALLS

## Riding in the Rain

Hello to all!

Florida District Riding and MFA Classes are in full operation and available upon your request. For ARC and TRC Classes contact Dominick at [Dominickflde@gmail.com](mailto:Dominickflde@gmail.com) or Ph: (813) 927-0120, (Leave a message and I will call you back). For MFA Classes contact Claudia Vega at [rve-ga19854@gmail.com](mailto:rve-ga19854@gmail.com).

It's that time of year again. Afternoon showers are here. Be prepared! Make sure you pack a rain suit in your bike or trikes if you have more than one. It is easier to put a rain suit in each bike rather than transferring your rain suit around each time you change bikes. There is too much of a chance that you might forget to do so. Alter your riding habits when it is raining. Slow down! Visibility is limited when the rain is hitting you in the face. The water staying on your windshield, face shield and/or glasses is limiting your ability to see as far as needed to avoid obstacles. Increase your following distance. You don't want to have to stop in a hurry and risk sliding on the wet roadway. Remember when you do stop or slow around inter-sections there is a buildup of oil in the center of the

lane that floats to the surface when it rains. This area is extremely slippery especially at the beginning of the rain. If you have to ride on the interstate use the right lane so the high-speed idiots (cars, trucks or motorcycles) can go flying by you. Expect to get splashed as they pass so you are not caught off guard. Ride in the center of the right lane. Thanks to the heavy trucks, the center of the right lane is the highest point with no or less water so that is where you need to be. A two-wheel motorcycle or Trike can hydroplane. Don't let this freak you out if it happens. If it does happen don't go for the brakes. Just roll off the throttle and let your machine settle itself down and regain traction. Remember most Florida rains have a short part of a heavy downpour. It is best to pull into some shelter and wait out the heavy stuff. Your cell phone is a good source to look at the weather Doppler and plan your route accordingly. . . . Sometimes you can go a few miles out of your way and avoid the rain altogether. Expect to get caught in afternoon rains this time of the year and plan and ride accordingly.



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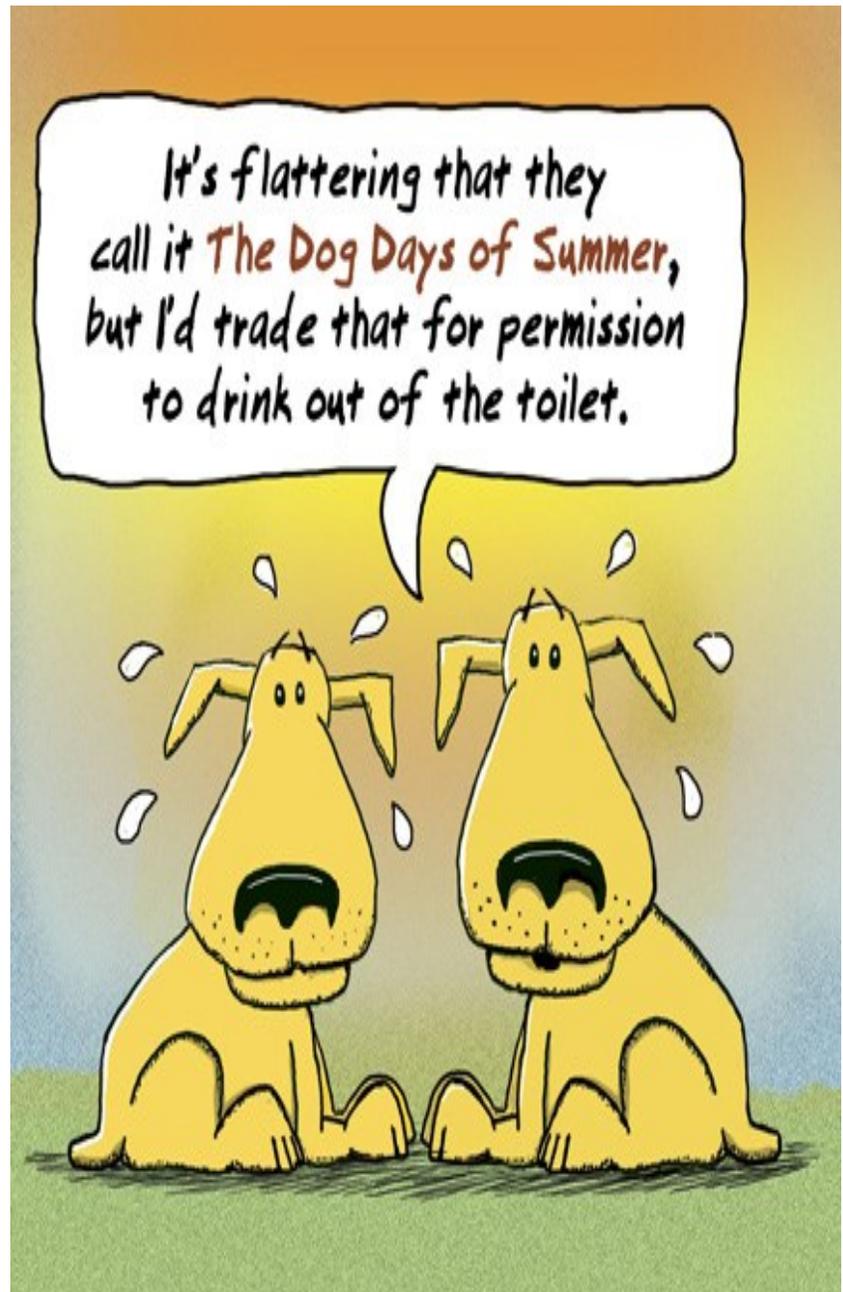
*Ride Safe!!  
Dominick & Diane*

## DO YOU PARTICIAPTE?

It has been said that 90% of life is based on just showing up! Good things can only happen if "YOU" are there! Ask yourself, do you make excuses for not attending a Gathering or other Chapter events or can you hardly wait to get there? Every Gathering presents an opportunity to ride and see friends! Every Chapter event presents opportunities to ride new roads and see old friends as well as meeting new ones. The rides are a way to see new and exciting places. Keith is developing great places to ride and have some great food. Sometimes we may even go to a vendor to see their products and services at competitive prices. So far Jeff has had some great games to play, bingo, darts, and other off bike games. Rosemary picks some great places to meet and eat. We all like ice cream once a month. The district will have ARC, TRC and CPR/FIRST AID. Whew, and this is only a partial list. As you can see, there "IS" something for everyone! So, if "YOU" have "BEEN THERE AND HAVE DONE THAT", THINK AGAIN! Remember, good things can only happen if "YOU" are there! We are all happy to be back to doing the things we did in the past. Come and try to prove me wrong. Be safe and stay healthy.



**Jim & Alice Bontrager**



**August 2021 Riding Adventures:**

**Greetings Fireballs from your chapter Ride Coordinator. We have a full and fun calendar for August. If there are any ride changes an email will be sent and the calendar and Facebook will reflect them. Please feel free to come by car or bike/trike.**

**August 14th - Meet at RaceTrac on 98 north & Marcum Road @ 7:30 AM for a ride to Rooster's , 715 W Jefferson St. on Brooksville.**

**August 21st— Meet at RaceTrac on 98 north & Marcum Road@ 7:30 AM for a ride to Country Angels, 122 Commonwealth Ace in Polk City.**

**August 28th - Meet at RaceTrac on 98 North and Marcum Road @ 7:30 AM for a ride to Big Tom's , 1151 Havendale Blvd, Winter Haven**

**Please check the Fireball calendar and watch for the weekly "Happenings" emails with additional information for each destination.**

**Let's Ride!  
Keith Dunn**



**August Birthdays**

- David Silverstein - 1st**
- Micheal Grimes - 2nd**
- Rosemary Grimes - 5th**
- Rita Willis - 20th**
- Jeffery Goldblatt - 30th**



**Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg - 28th**



# TAKING A LOOK DOWN THE CAMERA LENS

## Lakeland Fireballs

There are lots more Photos on our website [www.lakelandfireballs.org](http://www.lakelandfireballs.org). Mike does a wonderful job as our photographer, so take a look.



July Winners



I think someone maybe missing their yellow "Vizabl" trike



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Hanging out with BFF!

Hi Jeff



Mom Said you had to eat your carrots because their good for your eyes. She didn't say we couldn't use pudding as a DIP!





  
**Hot Diggity Dog**  
 it's August!   


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
1 	2	3 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM  Tapatio's 734 E Memorial Blvd	4	5	6	7 Monthly Gathering Eat @ 8:30 AM Meeting 9:30 AM  Golden Corral 4705 US Hwy 98N Lakeland, Florida North Lakeland
8	9	10 Flames Meeting @ 11:30 AM  Dottie's home Bring a Bag lunch	11	12 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM  Smokey Bones 3901 US Hwy 98 N N Lakeland	13	14 Leave RaceTrac 98 N & Marcum Road  @ 7:30 AM  Rooster's Café 715 W Jefferson Brooksville
15	16 Team Meeting @ 6:30  Providence Fire House 8936 US Hwy 98 North North Lakeland	17	18	19 Meet @ 7:00 pm Dairy Queen 4710 US Hwy 98 N For dessert only	20	21 Leave RaceTrac 98 N & Marcum Road  @ 7:30 AM  Country Angels 122 Commonwealth Ave Polk City
22	23	24	25 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM  II Forno's 3615 S Florida Ave	26	27	28 Leave RaceTrac 98 N & Marcum Road  @ 7:30 AM  Big Tom's Dinner 1151 Havendale Blvd Winter Haven
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