



December 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



FL-2L The Lakeland Fireballs

# "The Fireball"



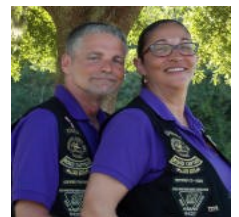
**December Schedule**

<b>Mike Grill</b>	<b>Dec 1st</b>
<b>Gathering</b>	<b>Dec 4th</b>
<b>Food Truck Rally</b>	<b>Dec 9th</b>
<b>Don Jose</b>	<b>Dec 11th</b>
<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>Dec 12th</b>
<b>Team Meeting</b>	<b>Dec 13th</b>
<b>Diary Queen</b>	<b>Dec 15th</b>
<b>Wreaths Across America</b>	<b>Dec 18th</b>
<b>Fire House Subs</b>	<b>Dec 23rd</b>
<b>Peking House</b>	<b>Dec 28th</b>



**2017 Florida District  
Chapter of the Year**

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District Contact for the Fireballs



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Jere & Sherry Goldman

National Assistant Director  
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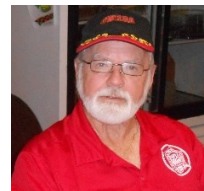
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## Chapter Director

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Merry Christmas to you!

Dottie and I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This year has been an improvement over 2020 but we aren't back to the pre COVID days yet. Looking over the past year, I see that we have had some very nice rides and the turnouts have been OK—not the best but still we were able to get out and have FUN. Some of us (including Dottie and I) have had some health issues that reduced our bike participation, but I encourage everyone to still come out and have FUN, even without a bike!

Soon after this Newsletter is published, we will have our Chapter Holiday Party on the weekend following our Chapter Gathering. We will be doing a Wreaths Across America Ride similar to last year's ride. Look for details in the Happenings! We have changed the Gathering to January 8, instead of New Year's Day. Following the Gathering, you are all invited back to our house for a ZOOM District Conference meeting. AND On Sunday we will be going to the Jacaranda for their Holiday buffet which has been Fireball staple for many years. This will be a car ride so the Ladies can dress up in their Holiday best. No Chapter shirts required!

As the winter season comes to Florida--- so does Strawberry shortcake time! I am sure there

will be a few rides over the next 3 months to some of favorite places.

We welcome our snowbirds back and hopefully our Canadian friends will be able to join us in the very near future.

Stay SAFE, wash your hands and if you feel unwell PLEASE stay home!

Ed Bahrenburg CD for the FireBalls



**Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg**



## Levels Classes Available

Hello all,

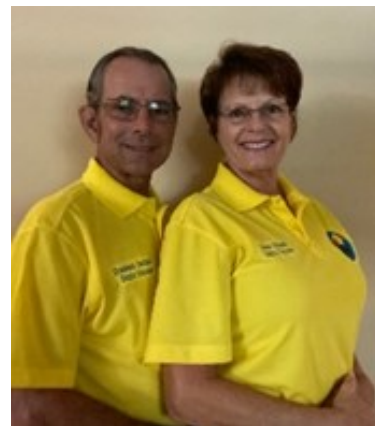
Florida District Riding and MFA Classes are available upon request to maintain you Levels status. For ARC and TRC Classes contact Dominick at [Dominickflde@gmail.com](mailto:Dominickflde@gmail.com). For MFA Classes contact Claudia at [rve-ga19854@gmail.com](mailto:rve-ga19854@gmail.com).

I would like to explain the logistics of what it takes to set up a Riding Class. First the best way to acquire a Class would be for a Chapter's Director or CSEA to poll the members of their Chapter and determine how many Members are interested in taking a Riding Class and what type of Class they want to take, an ARC or TRC. They would then submit to me an email with the results and a preferred date they would like to attend and at what location. I would prefer a minimum of 6 bikes with a maximum of 12 bikes for each class. (Co-Riders are not factored in the count.) If the Chapter does not have a minimum of 6 bikes I will fill the empty spots with Individual Members I already have on a waiting list or if none, I will advertise the Class on Group Works to fill the empty spots. I then have to check with the specific Riding Range Site to see if the date requested is available. Once the location and the date is secured I will notify

the Chapter Director, the CSEA, and all the Individual Members that the Class is scheduled and they are on the list of attendees. The Chapter Director or CSEA would then collect and hold a \$30.00 Deposit Check refundable upon successful completion of the course. I would collect the \$30.00 Deposit Checks from all of the Individual Members who will be attending. If a Member could not attend for a legitimate reason (to be determined on a case by case decision) the Deposit Check would still be returned. The reason for the Deposit Checks is because Range Rental Fees and in some cases Instructor Fees must still be paid regardless of whether or not a Member shows up. If there are any further questions in this area feel free to contact me with your questions.

More

I have many sources for the safety information I provide in my Newsletter Articles. It is particularly rewarding when I see one of our Members write an article about something that is important to us and worth sharing. Such is the case of an Article I recently read in a FL1-H Chapter Newsletter. The Article



was written by Member, Jerry Wells. The following is his Article:

### BRAKE FLUID

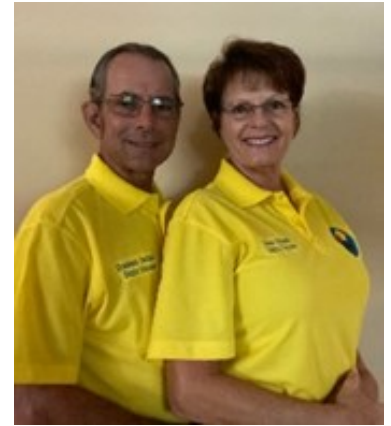
I was checking my motorcycle over and noticed the DOT 4 on the cover of my brake reservoir. I wondered what does that mean and why DOT 4 as opposed to DOT 3. What would happen if I inadvertently added DOT 3. With the invention of the internet came Google. Just ask and it will tell you anything. The first thing I discovered is that DOT stands for Department Of Transportation. They regulate the highways and what happens on them; especially safety. The 3 and 4 are specifications for the brake fluid. There are also 2, 5, 5.1, 6, and 7. Unless you have special needs such as race cars or operate in extremely high temperatures you won't need anything but 3 or 4. They are both poly glycol based. DOT 3 is the one most used especially in automobiles. It has a higher water absorption

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rate and should not be used instead of 4. It is classed for use in non-aggressive breaking applications. The reason is it has a lower boiling point than 4. With aggressive breaking the brakes heat up, the fluid boils you now have vapor in your lines and you lower pressure at your brake pads. Not a situation you want to be in. Part of the specification is the wet and dry boiling points. Dry, means new brake fluid is never exposed to air and has 0% water in it. Wet means exposed to air and up to 3.7% water. The dry boiling point for DOT 3 is 410 deg. F for DOT 4 it is 446 deg. F. The wet boiling point for 3 is 284 deg. F and 4 is 311 deg. F. DOT 4 contains borate and glycol. This makes it harder to absorb water which as we just pointed out, lowers the boiling point, so it is better for aggressive breaking. Liquids are hard to compress, air isn't. We want only liquids in our brake lines and cylinders. Compare it to water. Water boils at 212 deg. F. At this temperature it turns to vapor (steam). As it cools it turns back into liquid. The brake fluid does the same. When it boils we get vapor in the lines and the brakes feel soft. The vapor compresses

and we no longer get full pressure to the pads. Our stopping ability is greatly compromised. One day coming off of the Blue Ridge Parkway I was on a steep winding road. I used the front brake until it overheated. Suddenly I had no front brake. I downshifted and used the rear brake sparingly until I came to a church with a big parking lot. I circled the lot until I slowed enough to stop. I parked in the shade until the brakes cooled down and the fluid became liquid again then continued. If your system specifies DOT 3 you can add DOT 4 but never the other way. It would lower the boiling point and your brakes may fail. It is also recommended that you change your brake fluid every year and never let it go over 2 years. I am willing to bet most of you have never changed brake fluid. They also recommend that you use a new sealed can when you add fluid. This guaranties you are using dry fluid and not compromising it.

Gerald Wells, ACD FL1-H,  
MEC, ITCP



We are here to assist you with your training needs.

*Ride Safe!!  
Dominick & Diane*



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## Save the Date

***There's no place like gnome for the holidays!***

The Christmas holidays are coming soon. The FL2-L Holiday Party is scheduled for **December 12, @ 5:00 pm at the Hamptons.** There will be a traditional turkey dinner and lots of fun.



**December 2021 Riding Adventures:**

Greetings Fireballs from your chapter Ride Coordinator. We have a full and fun calendar for December. 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.

**December 11th- Meet at RaceTrac on 98 South (Bartow Road) @ 11:00 AM for a ride to Don Jose Mexican Restaurant, 4731 Lakewview Drive in Sebring.**

**December 18th— Meet at RaceTrac on 98 north & Marcum Road@ 8:00 AM for Wreaths Across American afterwards we will have lunch somewhere around Brooksville.**

**DECEMBER 25th - MERRY CHRISTMAS  
ENJOY YOUR DAY WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

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

**Let's Ride!  
Keith Dunn**



**December Birthdays**

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Jeff Bailey</b>     | <b>Dec 1st</b>  |
| <b>Debbie Weberman</b> | <b>Dec 14th</b> |
| <b>Karen Tomlin</b>    | <b>Dec 22nd</b> |
| <b>Neil Pitts</b>      | <b>Dec 27th</b> |



**Frank & Debbie King  
Dec 29th**



# 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.

## November Winners



District Ride In 77 attended



Jeff?







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

	<p>Jeff Bailey Debbie Weberman Karen Tomlin Neil Pitts</p>	<p>01st 14th 22nd 27th</p>	<p>1  Meet &amp; Eat @ 6:30 PM  Mike's Grill 1037 N Broadway Ave Bartow</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4  Monthly Gathering Eat @ 8:30 AM Meeting 9:30 AM  Golden Corral 4705 US Hwy 98N Lakeland, Florida North Lakeland</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9  Meet &amp; Eat @ 6:30 PM  Food Truck Rally Munn Park  Downtown Lakeland  Bring chairs</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11  Leave RaceTrac 98 south (Bartow Road)  Ride to  Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant in Sebring</p>
<p>12  Christmas Party  5 PM  The Hamptons 900 Hampton Blvd Auburndale</p>	<p>13  Team Meeting @ 6:30  Providence Fire House 8936 US Hwy 98 North North Lakeland</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15  Meet @ 7:00 pm  Dairy Queen  4710 US Hwy 98 N  For dessert only</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18  Leave RaceTrac 98 N &amp; Marcum Road  @ 8:30 AM  Wreaths Across America  and</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23  Meet &amp; Eat @ 6:30 PM  Firehouse Subs 4141 US Hwy 98 N</p>		
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28  Meet &amp; Eat @ 6:30 PM  Peking House 2411 Florida Ave South Lakeland</p>	<p>29    Frank &amp; Debbie King</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	



# January 2022

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 RACETRAC—Bartow Road (98S)  
 MC92—Corner of Memorial & Combee Road  
 RACETRAC - Corner of US 98N & Marcum Rd

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>SAVE THESE DATES</i> <i>There will be more Information to follow.</i>					1 
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Monthly Gathering Eat @ 8:30 AM Meeting 9:30 AM Golden Corral 4705 US Hwy 98N Lakeland, Florida North Lakeland <i>Chapter Conference</i>
9 Leave RaceTrac 98 South (Bartow Road)@ 9:30 AM  Car Ride to Jacaranda In Avon Park	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 TRC Class Room Portion @ Ed & Dottie House  More to follow	17 TRC Road Course Class  More to follow	18	19	20	21	22 Medic First Class  More to follow
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



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**Happy New Year!**

