



January 2021



FL-2L The Lakeland Fireballs

"The Fireball"

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**Monthly Chapter
Gathering
January 2nd**

**Moose Lodge
9:00 AM**

**6125 South Florida
Avenue
Lakeland, Florida**



2020 Couple of the Year
Kenny & Deb Webberman

January Schedule

Johnny Rocket's	Jan 1st
Gathering	Jan 2nd
PDQ	Jan 5th
All Chapters Zoom Call	Jan 9th
Jacarada	Jan 10th
Flames Meeting	Jan 12th
Bob Evans	Jan 13th
Florida Aerospace	Jan 16th
Diary Queen	Jan 20th
The Mason Jar	Jan 23rd
Abuelo's	Jan 25th
Ashley's of Rockledge	Jan 30th



Stay safe!



**2017 Florida District
Chapter of the Year**

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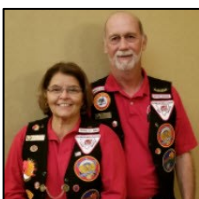
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Jim & Cindy Pozenel



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Chapter Lotto Couple of the Year

Kenny & Debbie
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It's a NEW YEAR!

By the time you have read this Christmas has passed and the New Year has just started. Most of us I believe are hopeful for a better 2021 than 2020. I know as Dottie and I reviewed the year 2020 there were some low points but also we had some excellent personal events that happened in 2020. We hope to build on that in 2021.

The Chapter is still very active with a lot of activities over the last few months and a large number of things happening in January such as our 1st ride of the year on 1/1/2021, then the Gathering on 1/2/2021 followed by a trip to Parkesdale for their world-famous strawberry shortcake. Next up is the Chapter conference Zoom call on Saturday followed by a trip to the Jacaranda . Not too bad for a start of the year. We will of course continue with rides and Meet and Eats throughout the month.

Last year at this time we were getting ready for our Fireball Rally. Sadly due to COVID we are unable to host this

event. The Chapter has been able to continue functioning as in previous years we had profitable events. At this time we have no plans for a money making event. Almost all GWRRA Rally type events have been canceled or moved to later in the year except for our Florida District Rally and Wing Ding. I hope there will be a good turnout for these events as it is a great time to see friends. Many of us should have received a vaccination shot by the time of these events.

Alan Darr had a very good suggestion to make sure everyone review their medical kit to make sure the contents were current and to add COVID facemasks.

We have had a good turnout for our various activities and invite you to come and join us. The scheduled rides and the Facebook pick up rides are done with social distancing in mind. There is no need for you to go into the restaurant if you don't feel comfortable. All the rides are set up so you can join in and leave the ride anytime! We are happy that you did come and join us for a while.



Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg

Be Safe and Healthy in 2021.

Ed Bahrenburg CD for the FireBalls

Riding Classes January 2021

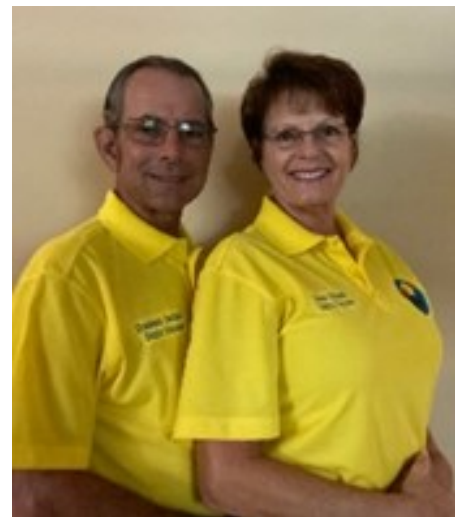
Greetings,

We hope you had a wonderful holiday. If you had personal contact with friends and family, we hope all you brought home with you were great presents and fond memories. The Corona Virus Vaccine is beginning to be administered. When vaccinations are distributed and the results are noteworthy, we can all get back to a normal life. That means gatherings and riding and training can resume as usual.

We had a successful Two-Wheel Riding Class (BRC2u) on November 22nd in Largo, FL. The members that attended were able to achieve the necessary credit to maintain their Levels status. We will schedule more Two or Three-Wheel Classes when I receive a request from Chapter Directors or CSEAs with enough members to fill a class of 12. The usual deposit of \$30.00 to hold a spot in the class is to be collected by the Chapter and held until successful completion of the class. If the member completes the class, they will get their \$30.00 deposit returned to them. Out of state mem-

bers who wish to take a class here in Florida will have to pay the \$50.00 GWRRA fee (Non-refundable). A Chapter can invite a potential new member candidate to participate in one of the Riding Classes. That person would have to pay the \$50.00 fee (Non-refundable) or the Chapter that is recruiting them could pay the fee.

The weather is getting cooler or colder for riding. Be reminded of the dangers of hypothermia. Dress in layers so as the day's temperature progressively gets warmer you can begin to peel off layers of clothing. Remember electronic gear liners, gloves and even socks work the best without the bulk and storage issues you get with a lot of clothing. The price of electronic gear may seem expensive and cost prohibitive, but, if you add up the amount of money you spend on layers of clothing you may see that the cost is not really that bad. Once you buy electronic gear it lasts forever. In Florida you only wear it a couple of months a year and then properly store it



until the next winter. I am currently using electronic gear that is 20 years old and it still works fine.

Ride Safe!!

Dominick & Diane

I started riding back in 1977 and I could not imagine life without that lifestyle, I have owned many bikes but in about 1986, I purchased my first Honda Goldwing with the approval of my wife Debbie who I have been married to since 1983. She is my rock, my partner and my equal in every decision that I make. We joined GWRRA Chapter E Oakland County Michigan back in 1986 and eventually, became Chapter Coordinators. We, along with our Chapter rode much of the East coast of the United States, we did some serious riding. But in around 1996, we had some health and financial issues and we had to sell our Goldwing. Since 2015, we have been living in Central Florida and in 2018, a Goldwing was being sold by someone in our community, the price on this 1996 Goldwing with 86,000 miles on it was in fabulous condition and the price tag was something we could not pass up, so we purchased it. Shortly afterwards, we began to look for a GWRRA Chapter in our area, the first person I spoke with on the phone was Ed Bahrenburg, we made arrangements to meet at a specific restaurant, once we arrived at the restaurant, we met Ed and his wife Dottie. We sat in a booth and from the very start, they made us feel so welcome and encouraged us to join the Chapter, which we did.

Since we have been with the Chapter, we have met some of the finest people and made the best of friends. Sometime in 2019, I took on the task of being Chapter greeter which I really enjoyed, and Deb took on

the task of being the Chapter lotto lady in which she really enjoyed. We were also nominated and chosen at the end of December 2019 to be Chapter Couple of the Year in which we wanted to fulfill this important obligation to the best of our ability, and everything was going great even though COVID-19 was starting to flood our Country. When the virus really began to spread and take over the Country and the death toll and illness began to overtake the United States, and new restrictions were put into place, Deb and I became extremely fearful, especially when her Doctor told her that if she contracted the virus, she would definitely end up in a hospital and on a ventilator. She was instructed by her Doctor to not leave the house for any reason other than going to the Doctor or hospital, and for me, I live with asthma and for me to contract this virus, would be just as critical, so, other than grocery shopping that I do myself, and solo rides that I take every couple days without stopping anywhere other than filling up with gasoline, we go nowhere, and we have missed out on being with our GWRRA friends and so many social activities. We recently found out by Ed Bahrenburg that we have been nominated and chosen once again to become Chapter Couple of the Year again for 2021.

For us, we accept this position with great honor, pride, and integrity, we hope to take this opportunity to make up for all the lost time we



missed in 2020 due to the virus. Better times are very near and the light at the end of the tunnel is very much within sight. We must take this opportunity to give very special and sincere thank you to Jim Bontrager who was instrumental in helping us find our 2010 Goldwing trike, not only did he bring this trike to our attention but he also got the price lowered for us, and to top that off, Jim along with Jeff Goldblatt with Jeff using his own vehicle, we all drove up into Georgia to pick up our new trike and then to top that off, Jim rode the trike all the way back home to Florida with Jeff and myself following in Jeff's vehicle and we did that in one day. With that being said, we also want to give a tremendous thank you to Jeff Goldblatt for driving us up there and back and using his own vehicle. How can you possibly thank people for doing that kind of over, above and beyond favor? We take friendship extremely serious and friendship means everything to us, each and every one of you are very important to us. We put a great value on this kind of friendship. Thank you all for being patient with us and not forgetting us. We will see all of you very soon.

January 2021 Riding Adventures:

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

January 1st - Leave RaceTrac at 98N and Marcum for a ride to Johnny Rocket's in The Villages.

January 2nd - Gathering at the Moose Lodge and afterwards we will ride to Parkesdale for strawberry shortcake.

January 10th - Leave RaceTrac South (US Hwy 98 South) @9:30 am for a car ride to Jacarada in Avon Park.

January 16th - Leave LLA Shell @11:00am for a ride to the Florida Aerospace Museum and afterward ride to Johnson's BBQ for lunch.

January 23rd - Leave RaceTrac on US Hwy 98 North & Marcum Rd @ 10:00 am, for a ride to the Mason Jar in Umatilla.

January 30th - Leave RaceTrac at US Hwy 98 North & Marcum Rd. @ 8:30 am. For a ride to Ashley's of Rockledge, in Rockledge, FL.

Let's Ride!



Debbie King	Jan 3rd
Keith Dunn	Jan 6th
Kathy Rumohr	Jan 7th
Amy Livingston	Jan 16th
Mike Willis	Jan 17th
Rich Baxter	Jan 20th



January 3rd

Jim & Cindy Pozenel

GWRRRA Anniversary
for January

Ron & Karen	1997
Michael & Rosemary	2007
Jackie Wood	2016

TAKING A LOOK DOWN THE CAMERA LENS

2020 Christmas Party




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





January 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
	Debbie King Jan 3rd Keith Dunn Jan 6th Kathy Rumohr Jan 7th Amy Livingston Jan 16th Mike Willis Jan 17th Rich Baxter Jan 20th	 January 3rd Jim & Cindy Pozenel		1 Leave RaceTrac at 98 North & Marcum Rd @ 10:00 am Ride to Johnny Rocket The Villages	2 Monthly Gathering @ 9:00 AM Moose Lodge 6125 South Florida Ave Lakeland \$10 PP Ride to Parkesdale	
3	4	5 Meet & Eat 6:30 PM PDQ 4717 S Florida Ave South Lakeland	6	7	8	9 All Chapters Zoom Call @ 12:00 pm Team Meeting to follow @ Ed & Dottie's home
10 Leave RaceTrac South 98/Bartow Rd @ 9:30 AM Car ride to The Jacarada Avon Park	11	12 Flames Meeting 11:30 Ford's Garage	13 Meet & Eat 6:30 PM Bob Evans 3130 US Hwy 98 North North Lakeland	14	15	16 Leave LLA Shell @ 11:00 am Florida Aerospace Museum Followed by lunch @ Johnson's BBQ Plant City
17	18	19	20 Meet @ 7:00 pm Dairy Queen 4710 US Hwy 98 N For dessert only	21	22	23 Leave RaceTrac at 98 North & Marcum Rd @ 10:00 am Ride to Mason Jar Umatilla, FL
24	25 Meet & Eat 6:30 PM Abuelos' 3700 Lakeside Village Blvd	26	27	28	29	30 Leave RaceTrac at 98 North & Marcum Rd @ 8:30 am Ride to Ashley's of Rockledge Rockledge, FL
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**Lakeland
FireBalls**



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
900 Southampton Blvd
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