



June 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

**June Schedule**

<b>Reececliff</b>	<b>Jun 2nd</b>
<b>Gathering</b>	<b>Jun 5th</b>
<b>End Zone</b>	<b>Jun 8th</b>
<b>Big Tom's Diner</b>	<b>Jun 12th</b>
<b>JimBo's BBQ</b>	<b>Jun 14th</b>
<b>The Flames</b>	<b>Jun 15th</b>
<b>Cracker Barrell</b>	<b>Jun 19th</b>
<b>Team Meeting</b>	<b>Jun 21st</b>
<b>Dairy Queen</b>	<b>Jun 24th</b>
<b>Sunrise Eatery</b>	<b>Jun 26th</b>
<b>Bob Evans</b>	<b>Jun 30th</b>



**2017 Florida District  
Chapter of the Year**

**Rick & Madalena Buck**  
Assistant District Directors  
District Contact for the Fireballs



Stay safe!

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Jere & Sherry Goldman

National Assistant Director  
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"The Fireball"



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## **Couple of the Year**

Kenny & Debbie  
Weberman  
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## **Motorist Awareness**

Dwight & Amy Livingston



### It is Summertime!

As I write this it is slowly creeping up to 100 degrees in Florida and no rain! We are presently in Arkansas with lots of RAIN and it is sweatshirt weather. Remind me next year not to take off for our trip until sometime in June. We had planned on doing some hiking and bike riding but instead have done a bunch of site seeing via the truck.

In talking to Chapter members back home it seems as though due to the CDC changes, life is getting back to "normal". I spent some time rereading last years CD articles and how the COVID – 19 things affected what we were doing. I certainly hope that chapter of our life is gone for good.

With the increased heat, rides are starting earlier but please remember to hydrate and cover up. Keeping the sun and wind off you does keep you cooler and for those of us who visit the "skin doc" way too often it makes perfect sense.

Several of our Chapter people are or will be traveling over the next few month to see family, beat the heat, or site see. I can't wait to hear some stories. The folks that

are staying local will post the photos on FB or some other internet platform so we can all see and comment.

Several people have discussed the desire to do an overnight trip. At the last team meeting it was decided that we would explore attending the Georgia Lets Ride Rally in September. Information is being researched and presented at the June Gathering. From previous report, it is an excellent riding rally in the hills of north Georgia.

By the time you read this, Memorial Day has passed. Please keep those in your hearts that did not make it home from any of our wars. Their sacrifice is the reason we can live with the FREEDOMS we have today

Ed Bahrenburg CD for the FireBalls



**Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg**

**Georgia Sweet Georgia is on our minds!**

In September we are planning a weekend ride to the Georgia Ride-in Rally. Please mark your calendars for 9/15 thru 9/19.

More information will be given at the June Gathering and in an email about commendations (hotel, etc.).

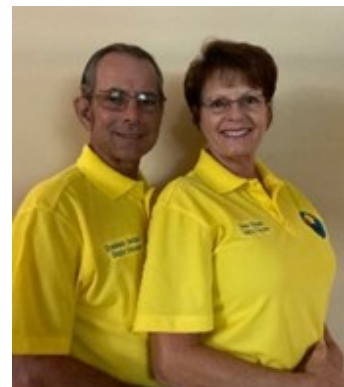
## Raffle Tickets and Rear Tires

Hello everyone! Holy Mackerel it's June! We recently returned from the Tennessee Rally and boy did we have fun riding those mountains. As soon as we got back we taught a TRC in Ocala that was enormously successful. We have also rolled out MFA (yea!) and 4 classes were taught in May with more on the way. That being said, a few chapters have not yet requested Raffle tickets. You wanted more classes when we took this position and we are giving you more classes. But that comes with a price. Please do your part and sell Raffle Tickets so we can continue to teach our Members for free. Not only is it fun to get a chance to win \$10,000.00, but it gives you a chance to talk up GWRRA. Free training also motivates you to continue to take classes, which in turn keeps your skill level up and gives you a chance at self evaluation. We are all getting older, is it time for three wheels? Only YOU can answer that. So if you have not yet requested tickets, please send me an email requesting them.

For those already selling, KUDOS to you!

### REAR TIRE SELECTION

Many Gold Wing (and other brands) riders choose to put a car tire on the rear of their two-wheel bikes. Their reason usually is that they get more miles out of a car tire and it costs less. There is an old English expression: "Penny wise while you think you are saving a little money the consequences of doing so might be more expensive in the long run. What will the cost be if you crash your motorcycle and injure yourself? The design features and rubber composition of car tires as compared to motorcycle tires greatly differ. A car tire has a flat profile and rigid sidewalls because a car tire is not meant to lean. Motorcycle tires have a softer rubber compound for better grip given the limited amount of rubber that is actually touching the road at any given time. The sidewalls are softer so the motorcycle tire will roll with the lean angle of the bike so the amount of tire contacting the road is the same throughout the lean in curves. A car tire has about six inches of rubber making contact with the road when you are driving in a straight line. When



you are driving in a straight line. When you lean a two-wheel motorcycle with a car tire into a curve you put the rear tire on its edge with now only about 1-1/2" of rubber making contact with the road. Centrifugal force is working against your rear tire trying to push the rear of your bike out of the curve. Only just a little bit of sand or water could cause you to lose traction and down you go. The rear stock motorcycle tire for a Gold Wing has about 3" of rubber making contact with the road when you are traveling in a straight line. When you lean into a curve, because of the softer sidewalls and wrap-around tread pattern, there is about the same amount of rubber in contact with the road throughout the curve. Centrifugal force is still trying to push the rear tire out from under you but you have softer composition rubber gripping the road. With the car tire rubber being a

## Raffle Tickets and Rear Tires

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harder compound, and riding on the narrow edge of the tire in a lean, there is a much greater chance of losing traction and good-bye motorcycle and you. You may say: "I've been using car tires on the rear of my motorcycle for years and nothing bad has happened." Maybe the reason for that is you are not a very aggressive rider. If that is your riding style, then that is great for you alone. Some riders choose to ride more aggressively. Circumstances can constantly change when you ride a motorcycle. At any given moment you might have to brake or swerve to avoid a crash harder than you have ever have done before in the middle of a lean in a curve. Combine that with the limited amount of available traction you might have with that car tire at the wrong moment, and down you could go.

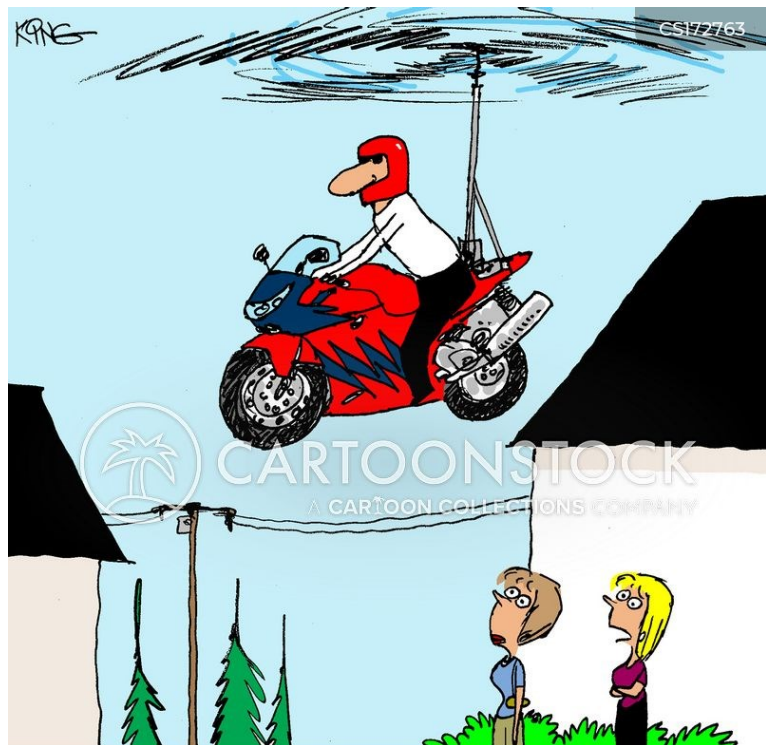
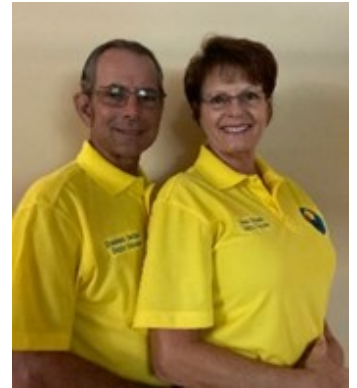
I hope with the information I have just given you might rethink using a car tire on the rear of your bike. If you still choose to use a car tire at least now you are fully aware of the dangers of doing so. Don't pass on

the suggestion to others to use a car tire unless you tell them about the potential dangers of doing so. No motorcycle manufacturer, reputable dealer or tire store will recommend putting a car tire on the rear of a two-wheel motorcycle.

ATGATT- Not just a motto, but a way of life!

Ride Safe!!

*Dominick & Diane*



*"He loves riding his bike to work, but he hates the traffic. Apparently, he solved that problem."*

**June 2021 Riding Adventures:**

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



**June Birthdays**

**June 12th— Breakfast ride to Big Tom’s Diner at 1151 Havendale Blvd in Winter Haven. We will leave RaceTrac on 98 North @ 7:30 AM.**

<b>Joe Lupo</b>	<b>June 2nd</b>
<b>Dottie Bahrenburg</b>	<b>June 17th</b>
<b>Waylon Gillis</b>	<b>June 20th</b>

**June 19th—Ride to Cracker Barrell at 30405 Cracker crossing in Brooksville. We will leave RaceTrac on 98 North @ 7:30 AM.**



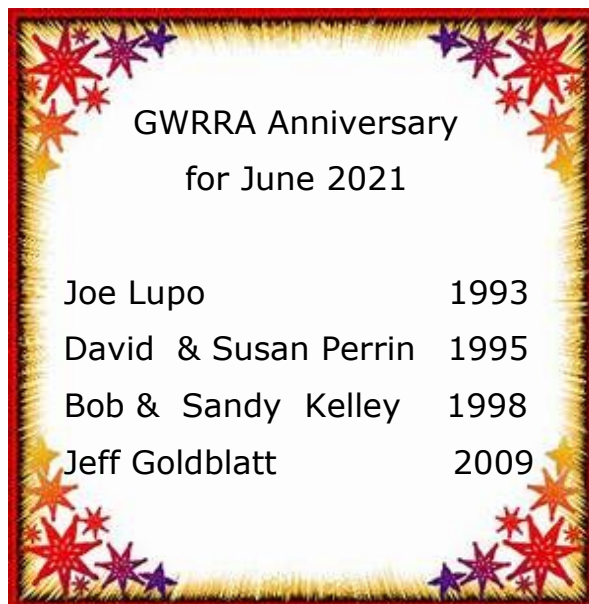
**June 26th—Breakfast ride to Sunrise Eatery at 5883 Gall Blvd in Zephyrhills. . We will leave RaceTrac on 98 North @ 7:30 AM.**

<b>Jim &amp; Alice Bontrager</b>	<b>June 11th</b>
<b>Bruce &amp; Barb LoBach</b>	<b>June 23rd</b>
<b>Bob &amp; Sandy Kelley</b>	<b>June 27th</b>

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

**Let’s Ride!**

**Keith Dunn**



# 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.



Every day moves us a little closure back to what we all refer as "normal". Gathering are back at the Golden Corral.



May Winners






As things get back to "normal" we're waiting in lines once again but for a different reason. Short staff is the reason now so if your coming on a breakfast ride bring your patience. The food is worth the wait!





# June 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	
	Joe Lupo Dottie Bahrenburg Waylon Gillis	1  June 2nd June 17th June 20th	2  Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM  Reececliff Diner 940 S Florida Ave S Lakeland	3	4	5  Monthly Gathering @ 8:30 AM Golden Corral  4705 US Hwy 98N Lakeland, Florida	
6	7	8  Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM  End Zone 6771 US Hwy 98 North North Lakeland	9	10	11	12  Leave RaceTrac 98 N & Marcum  @ 7:30 AM  Big Tom's Dinner 1151 Havendale Blvd	
13	14  Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM  Jimbo's BBQ 1215 East Memorial Blvd.	15  Flames @ 11:30 AM  Lunch at Ford's Garage 879 Lakeland Park Center Drive	16	17	18	19 Leave RaceTrac 98 N & Marcum  @ 7:30 AM  Cracker Barrell 30405 Cracker Crossing Brooksville	
20  Happy Father's Day 	21  Team Meeting @ 6:30  Mike & Rita's Home 7040 Remington Oaks Loop	22	23	24  Meet @ 7:00 pm  Dairy Queen 4710 US Hwy 98 N N Lakeland	25	26  Leave RaceTrac 98 N & Marcum  @ 7:30  Sunrise Eatery 5883 Gall Blvd Zephyrhills	
27	28	29	30  Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM  Bob Evans 3130 US Hwy 98N North Lakeland				Jim & Alice Bontrager June 11th Bruce & Barb LoBach June 23rd Bob & Sandy Kelley June 27th





# Great American Picnic

- 4<sup>th</sup> 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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