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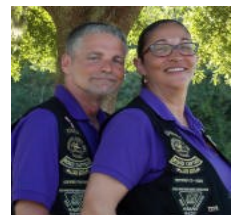
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**Monthly Chapter
Gathering****1st Saturday
Of the month****Eat at 8:30 am****Meeting at 9:30 am****4705 US Hwy 98N
Lakeland, Florida****2020 Couple of the Year**

Kenny & Deb Webberman

November Schedule

Romeo's	Nov 02nd
Gathering	Nov 06th
Flames Meeting	Nov 09th
Olive Garden	Nov 11th
Peck's Old Port	Nov 13th
Team Meeting	Nov 15th
Dairy Queen	Nov 18th
Yankee Art & Seafood Festival	Nov 20th
Lakeland Mall	Nov 23rd
Food Court	

**2017 Florida District
Chapter of the Year****Rick & Madalena Buck****Assistant District Directors****District Contact for the Fireballs**

Stay safe!

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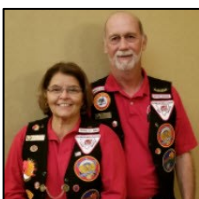
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Chapter Lotto Couple of the Year

Kenny & Debbie
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Chapter Director

Happy Thanksgiving to all our Chapter family!

As I write this, Dottie and I along with Keith and Bonnie are in the middle of a 3 week camping trip to Georgia, No. Carolina and Tennessee. We have been joined by a number of friends from Lakeland plus Bruce and Barb Lobach have joined us for the No. Carolina portion. We don't have a motorcycle but we have enjoyed riding the Blue Ridge Parkway, the back roads of Greenville and seeing the leaves change color. As a bonus, we attended the Henderson GWRRA Chapter Gathering and met up with friends from Syracuse who have moved to the area. We have attended several Wing Dings in Greenville and for a period of time planned on moving to Greenville so it was nice to get back and see many of the sites again.

Chapter life does not stop while we are away and I see that people are getting out and doing things. I am glad it is cooling down so riding will be more comfortable. A few days ago on the trip I needed to scrape my windshield and I think I won't be wearing shorts until we return home.

We have set up a TRC in Eustis for Monday Jan 17, 2022. I just need to work up the class details as we have a mis match between people who need the full class and those that just

need the range work. Once I am home, I will get with the various members to set it up. We have a MFA/CPR class

scheduled for Saturday Jan.22, 2022 at the Hamptons. Starting time to be determined but I believe it will be 9:00 AM.

Prior to our Chapter activities in January we have a Holiday Party on December 12 at the Moose Lodge where we had last years party. Reservations are required as we need to give them a firm headcount. Make sure you have signed up and paid no later than the November Gathering.

The snowbirds are arriving and traffic is getting heavier so be careful out there!!!

Ed Bahrenburg

CD for the Fireballs



Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg

Level's Classes Available & Engine Braking

Florida District Riding and MFA Classes are available upon request to maintain you Levels status. For ARC and TRC Classes contact Dominick at Dominickfide@gmail.com.

For MFA Classes contact Claudia at rve-ga19854@gmail.com. Watch for upcoming Riding Class and MFA Class Announcements on Group Works.

ENGINE BRAKING OR NOT

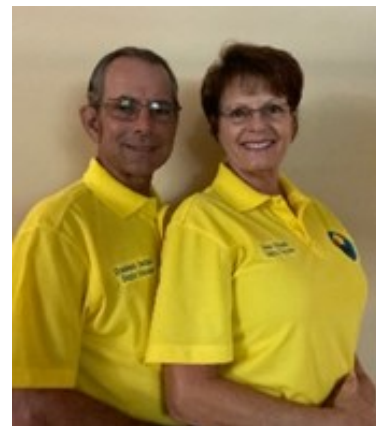
Let's first define what Engine Braking is. Engine Braking is slowing down your motorcycle or trike by down shifting into a lower gear and letting the clutch out slowly to slow down the bike.

Now let's talk about different reasons Riders Engine Brake. Some do it for the noise. If they have loud pipes on their bike, they like the loud backing down sound of the engine. Some Riders Engine Brake to help aid the braking system of the bike to slow the bike down during slowing or stopping. Other Riders Engine Brake to slow the bike down to a proper entry speed for a curve and choose the gear they want to enter the curve with. You might also Engine Brake to slow your bike down when you are approaching a stale red light anticipating the

light will turn green before you arrive and thus you will be in the correct gear to continue on your way without stopping.

Let's now discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the examples I have given. If you are Engine Braking for the noise that is your choice as long as while you are doing so you are not also compromising your safety as I will explain. If you are Engine Braking to aid with your stopping think about what mechanically you are doing to your bike. When you routinely Engine Brake for normal stopping you are putting unnecessary wear and tear on your bike's drive train components. That means extra stress on your engine, clutch, chain, shaft, or belt. The chain or belt is being stretched unnecessarily or your drive shaft u-joints are being put under extra stress. The clutch is engaging a moving fly wheel to slow the bike down adding extra contact and wear on it. To replace any of these components I have listed costs much more than just having to replace a set of brake pads. You are talking hundreds if not thousands of dollars to replace the engine and drive train components as opposed to replacing a \$40.00 set of brake pads.

Now let's discuss the



safety aspect in Engine Braking to slow down your bike. If you must brake hard, you should be using the Threshold Braking Method. That means you are putting the brakes on as hard as you can to the point just before the tires begin to skid. If you also Engine Brake you are risking breaking the rear tire loose and skidding because of the extra stress you just added to the rear tire. Most of the modern-day motorcycles have ABS (Antilock Braking System). That means the braking system will take over if you accidentally apply too much brake pressure and either tire begins to skid. The ABS system will not let the tires skid if you are using brakes only. If you add Engine Braking incorrectly at the same time you are using the brakes, you could lock up the rear tire. You have defeated the purpose of having an ABS System. The ABS System cannot correct the rear wheel skid if the reason you are skidding is because you let the clutch out too fast or at the wrong speed in the wrong

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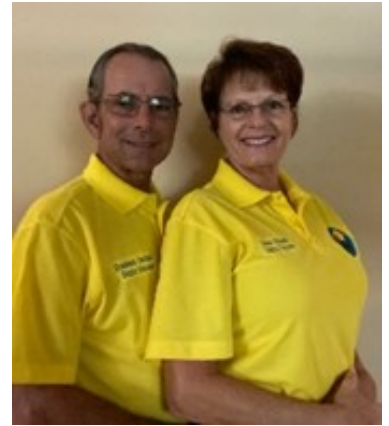
gear. Remember if you are using Engine Braking to set up a proper entry speed before entering a curve, get the clutch back out before you begin to lean. When you lean over for the curve your rear tire is now on its edge with much less tire surface area touching the road. There should be no more Engine Braking stress applied on your rear tire once you are in a lean. The extra stress on the rear tire caused by Engine Braking along with the centrifugal force being applied to your rear tire could cause the rear tire to slide out from under you.

Engine Braking.....or not.
Now you know the pros and cons.

What will be your choice?

We are here to assist you
with your training needs.

*Ride Safe!!
Dominick & Diane*



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, @ 4:00 pm at the Lakeland Moose Club. There will be a traditional turkey dinner and lots of fun. There will be sign-ups for the Holiday Party beginning at the September Gathering, price is \$15 per person. November Gathering is your last chance to save your place at the table..



November 2021 Riding Adventures:

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

November 13th - Meet at RaceTrac on 98 north & Marcum Road @ 9:30 AM for a ride to Peck's Old Port cove, 139 N Ozello Train, Crystal River.

November 20th — Meet at RaceTrac on 98 north & Marcum Road@ 8:00 AM for a ride to Yankee Town Arts & Seafood Festival, 6301 River Side Drive.

November 27th - TBD This is the Saturday after Thanksgiving, so watch Facebook or your email for information about a ride on Friday or Saturday.

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

Let's Ride!

Keith Dunn



November Birthdays

Alice Bontrager	6th
Sabina Pitts	7th



Jeff & Mary Bailey	8th
Bill & Gina Berry	13th
Kenny & Debbie Weberman	25th



TAKING A LOOK DOWN THE CAMERA LENS

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.

October Winners



Front Porch



We visit some of our favorite
places in October!



We had some small groups and
large groups this month

Where is 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
	1	2 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM Romeo's 2346 Griffin Road N Lakeland	3	4	5	6 Monthly Gathering Eat @ 8:30 AM Meeting 9:30 AM Golden Corral 4705 US Hwy 98N Lakeland, Florida North Lakeland
7 	8	9 Flames Meeting @ 11:30 AM Dottie's home Bring a Bag lunch	10 	11 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM Olive Garden 1340 Lakeside Village Circle S Lakeland	12	13 Leave RaceTrac 98 N & Marcum Road @ 9:30 AM Pecks Old Port Cove 139 N Ozello Trail Crystal River
14	15 Team Meeting @ 6:30 Providence Fire House 8936 US Hwy 98 North North Lakeland	16	17	18 Meet @ 7:00 pm Dairy Queen 4710 US Hwy 98 N For dessert only	19	20 Leave RaceTrac 98 N & Marcum Road @ 8:00 AM Yankee Town Art & Seafood Festival 6301 Riverside Dr
21	22 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM Lakeland Mall Food Court 3800 US Hwy 98 N N Lakeland	23	24	25 	26	27 To Be announced
28	29	30	 Alice Bontrager 6th		 Jeff & Mary Bailey 8th Bill & Gina Berry 13th Kenny & Debbie Weberman 25th	



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