Gold Wing Road Riders Association



Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge

October 2021





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October Schedule

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



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Flames Meeting	Oct
Dairy Queen	Oct
Team Meeting	Oct
Pecks Old Port cove	Oct
Mission BBQ	Oct
Oakwood BBQ	Oct
Bedrock Wings	Oct
JB Boondock's	Oct
Tapatio's	Oct
Pappa Joe's	Oct





2017 Florida District **Chapter of the Year**

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Motorist Awareness **Dwight & Amy Livingston**



Fall is on its way!

Cooler and dryer weather is just around the corner in October. Also, it is the start of the snowbird migration. We have already started to see a return of the "northerners" which means that the roads and restaurants will be a little busier. The good thing is that we can start our rides a little later in the AM, ride longer because it is cooler and we don't have to necessarily worry about rain storms.

Four couples went up to **Dillard Georgia to take** part in their Riding Rally. We had a great time and did not get too wet! I think I have found my new favorite place to ride. The roads were very curvy, the asphalt was smooth and there was not a lot of traffic on the roads that the folks from Georgia picked out. I hope we can attend next year and have an even larger number of FireBalls attend.

As I look over the next few months there is a lot of things on the agenda in addition to our usual Rides and Meet and Eats. The Flames are working very hard on the Holiday Party and I have overheard some discussions on interesting places to ride. More details as we have our Team Meeting.

We have a Holiday party in December, the All Chapters conference in January as well as our MFA Class and a pending TRC class.

Just a friendly reminder that we have some present positions open for people to step up and help out YOUR Chapter and some Team Members would like to step down or change up their responsibilities. See me or the ACD's to get information.

Be Careful out there and don't forget to stay hydrated as it is still HOT!

ED Bahrenburg CD for the FIREBALLS



Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg

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, at the Lakeland Moose Club, doors will open at 4 PM. There will be a traditional turkey dinner and lots of fun. You may sign-up for the Holiday Party through the November Gathering. The price is \$15 per person.

There will be an optional Dirty Santa Gift Exchange. If you wish to participate, the gift you bring should be worth \$15 and new. Please stick to the rules so that all of the gifts are of a similar value.

As you can see from the article title, the theme this year is: *There's no place like gnome for the holidays!* Come join the fun!



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Level's Classes Available & Slow Control of Your 2-Wheel Wing

Hello all,

An MFA Class was conducted on Sept. 19th in the Tampa area. There were 20 Members present including myself and my wife, Diane. The class was taught by **GWRRA Members Claudia Ve**ga and Ron Jackson. The Class was exquisitely presented and enjoyed by all that were in attendance. Our last Riding Class was conducted on July 27th in Ocala. It was a hot one so we will hold off on scheduling any more Riding Classes until the end of October or beginning of November. I am compiling a list of Chapters or Members that would like an ARC or TRC when we resume scheduling. Send me an email if you want to be put on the list. The money generated from the sale of our Raffle Tickets by you pays for these Training Classes.

Florida District Riding and MFA Classes are available upon request to maintain you Levels status.

For ARC and TRC Classes contact Dominick at Dominickflde@amail.com. For MFA Classes contact Claudia at rvega19854@gmail.com.

2-WHEEL WING

As Florida District Educator I am getting plenty of opportunities to interact with our Members when it comes to Rider Training. One important aspect of Gold Wing Riding Training is knowing how to control your 2-Wheel Wing at slow speeds. This would include any slow tight turns as well as slow Uturns and even riding slow in a straight line while in slow moving traffic.

I have talked with many of our Members about slow riding techniques and have concluded that many Members do not know the proper technique to use to control the Gold Wing during slow maneuvers. There are publications and videos that will explain how to ride a motorcycle slow but I have not seen any material that specifically addresses the Gold Wing.

What I am about to suggest to you on how to ride you Gold Wing slowly did not come from any one source. It is a combination of riding techniques I have learned over the past 29 vears with information supplied from MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation), IPTM (Institute of Police Technology and Management) and our own GWRRA Riding Curriculum.

To properly ride any motor-SLOW CONTROL OF YOUR cycle slowly and under control you must first totally change vour natural mental process.



When you drive a car it is natural and instinctive to go for the brake pedal if you feel you are moving too fast to make a turn. That braking process is reactive. When we use the rear brake on our motorcycle to control our speed during a turn, the braking process must be proactive. That means if you know you are getting ready to make a slow tight turn you must begin the process by first applying the rear brake pedal before you even begin to move. You then will begin to apply enough throttle and release the clutch into the friction to pull the bike forward against the drag of the rear brake. The bind vou put between the rear brake and clutch in the friction zone with throttle, will stabilize the motorcycle and help prevent it from tipping over. If you are in the process of making a slow tight turn such as a U-Turn this method of operating the rear brake and clutch will cut down the diameter (overall distance) it will take to complete the turn. If during this process you feel like

your bike is getting ready to tip over, apply even more throttle, release more clutch, and apply more rear brake pedal. A clue that you need more of this action is the fact that you feel like your bike is starting to tip over. If you have a DCT Model Gold Wing vour method of control would be applying throttle against the rear brake as needed. In either case do not put any fingers on the front brake lever and do not use the front brake during slow maneuvers. If vou hit the front brake during a slow tight turn your front end will dive down and your bike will tip over.

The method I have just described works best on a motorcycle where the rear brake pedal application is independent from the front brake. When you are able to only apply the rear brake, the front wheel stays light enough to turn easy. As you know our Gold Wings have Linked Brakes. That means that when we attempt to apply only the rear brake, the Linked System applies one side of the front brake also. This creates a little more challenge to making a tight turn. If one side of the front brake is also being applied the front forks will compress down placing more drag (traction) on the front tire. I will take more muscle on your part to turn the front wheel, but turning tight is still doable.

I know what I have just described might sound strange. To better illustrate my point lets speak in car terms. What I have just told you to do is to put on your car's emergency brake and then apply the accelerator to make a turn. That doesn't make any sense if you are driving a car but, it is exactly the method you want to use to control your Wing at slow speeds. Working the rear brake against the clutch and throttle also works when you are in stop & go traffic riding real slow. You will be able to ride your Wing slow in a straight line without continuously having to put vour feet up and down or dragging your feet on the around.

You can try this technique I have described on your own in an empty parking lot or wait and join me at one of our Riding Classes.

Ride Safe!! Dominick& Diane **October 2021 Riding Adventures:**

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

October 9th - Meet at RaceTrac on 98 north & Marcum Road @ 9:30 AM for a ride to Peck's Port Cove, 139 North O'zello Trail, Crystal River.

October 16th— Meet at RaceTrac on 98 north & Marcum Road @ 10:00 AM for a ride to Oakwood , 27745 US Hwy 27, in Leesburg

October 23rd- Meet at RaceTrac on 98 north and Marcum Road @ 10:30 AM for a ride to JB Boondocks @704 S Lakeshore Blvd in Howie-in-the-Hills

October 30th—Meet @ RaceTrac on 98 north and Marcum Road @ 9:30 for a ride to Pappa Joe's, 6244 Spring Lake Hwy in Brooksville.

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

Let's Ride! Keith Dunn



October Birthday	/S
Wendy Silverstein	3rd
Bonnie Dunn	20th
Vernon Watt	29th



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TAKING A LOOK DOWN THE CAMERA LENS



Georgia Rally Ride-In 2021

Some indoor activities but it was mostly rides on very curvy roads.

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.

September Winners

Welcome back to our friends Kenny & Debbie and Jeff & Mary. We've missed you!







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 Monthly Gathering Eat @ 8:30 AM Meeting 9:30 AM
					Golden Corral 4705 US Hwy 98N Lakeland, Florida North Lakeland	
3	4	5 Flames Meeting @ 11:30 AM Dottie's home Bring a Bag lunch	6 Meet @ 7:00 pm Dairy Queen 4710 US Hwy 98 N	7 Team Meeting @ 6:30 Providence Fire House	8	9 Leave RaceTrac 98 N & Marcum Road @ 9:30 AM Peck's Old Port Cove
	bring a bay functi	For dessert only	8936 US Hwy 98 North North Lakeland		139 Ozello Trail Crystal River	
10	11 Columbus Day	22 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM Mission BBQ 4014 S Florida Ave South Lakeland	13	14	15	 Leave RaceTrac 98 N & Marcum Road © 10:00 AM Oakwood Smokehouse 27745 US Hwy 27 Leesburg
17	18	19	20	21 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM Bedrock Wings 4836 on HWY 92 East	22	23 Leave RaceTrac 98 N & Marcum Road @ 10:30 AM JB Boondock's 704 S Lakeshore Blvd Howey-in-the-Hills
24	25	26 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM Tapatio's	27	28	29	30 Leave RaceTrac 98 N & Marcum Road @ 9:30 AM Pappa Joe's 6244 Spring Lake Hwy
HILLING	HAPPY BIRTHDAY	734 E Memorial Blvd	20th			6244 Spring Lake Hwy Brooksville





42nd Florida District Gathering of the Wings

March 17th - 19th, 2022



Wing your way to Emerald City and have FUN with the Wizard of Oz





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