



February 2021



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Monthly Chapter Gathering

1st Saturday Of the month

*Lake Parker Park
910 Granada Street*

*Off Lakeland Hills BLVD
2nd entrance*

@ 9:00 AM



2020 Couple of the Year

Kenny & Deb Weberman

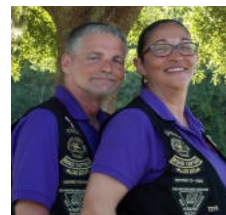
February Schedule

Hibachi Express	Feb 2nd
Gathering	Feb 6th
Cheddar's	Feb 11th
Mount Dore	Feb 13th
Team Meeting/M&E	Feb 17th
Pancho Villa	Feb 20th
Miller's Ale House	Feb 25th
Goodson's Farm	Feb 27th



2017 Florida District Chapter of the Year

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



Stay safe!

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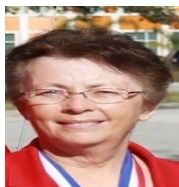
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Greeter Chapter Lotto Couple of the Year

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Thank you to the dozen or so Team Members who attended the Chapter Conference at our house. The meeting was a ZOOM meeting that lasted about 2 hours. It was interesting that we had the largest number of members in attendance for that time period. The meeting was a bit different than meeting in person but the message sent and received was the same. I took a look at what activities we were doing last February. Due to COVID none of the classes or our Rally is being done at this time. The Chapter as a whole is OK with our various certifications because of our timing and National extending some time frames. We are financially solid so the lack of a money maker this year won't impact the

Chapter.

We have made some adjustments to our activities recently due to the increased spread of COVID and the threat that the hospitals are under. We can still ride and gather outside in a socially distance manner. Those who feel comfortable dining inside of course will continue to do so. Vaccinations are slowly underway and we all hope that we can return to normal in the near future. We have lots of good rides scheduled during the next month and hope you will at least join us for the ride. It is not a problem for you to split off at the break or at the restaurant if you do not feel comfortable dining in.

Our District Rally is a reboot from last years canceled rally to be held in Altamonte Springs. The dates are Thursday March 18-Saturday March 20. The



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District Rally will have guided and unguided rides with more information to be had later. The schedule is not out yet but I have asked for us to be at the Game Room on Saturday. We will be providing a sign-up sheet once I know for sure if we are assigned that duty.

Don't forget!!

Valentine's Day is Feb
14

Ed Bahrenburg CD for
the FIREBALLS

SELF EVALUATION

Everyone who rides a motorcycle must continuously evaluate their own physical and mental ability to ride a motorcycle. You can't put a magic number on what age a rider should stop riding a two-wheel motorcycle, switch to a trike or sidecar rig, or stop riding altogether.

Physical limitations can happen at any age. Injuries or physical limitations acquired outside of riding can limit your ability to ride a motorcycle. Things such as bad knees, a bad back, or a bad neck are just a few examples.

Mental limitations can also happen. Some prescription drugs can affect your mental process slowing down your reaction time. Constant loss of memory is another thing to consider when riding a motorcycle.

You must regularly evaluate yourself. Taking a Riding Course every 3 years is a perfect way to self-access yourself. In a Riding Course when you are instructed to perform one of the required exercises do you "not" want to do it? If you don't want to do a particular exercise, why don't you want to do it? Is it because you find

the exercise too difficult? All of the exercises in the Riding Courses are maneuvers you should be able to perform in order to be a safe rider on the street. Or is it just that you don't want to take a chance on dropping your bike? No one wants to drop their bike. But, if the reason you don't want to do a particular exercise is because you can't do it, then maybe it's time to change what you are riding. If you are on two-wheels it might be time to change to a trike or add a sidecar to your motorcycle.

The important thing to remember is if you decide to change from two-wheels to a trike or sidecar rig, you should take a one-day course to be trained on the particular handling characteristics of the three-wheel vehicle. There have been crashes by riders who have made the change to three-wheels without taking a separate three-wheel course. They did not know what to expect and how to react when it came to the overall handling of the new machine. There is a specific course for each of the different three-wheel vehicles. Trikes, Can-Ams or Sidecar Rigs all handle differently, especially under stressful conditions. The



time to be surprised and not know what to do, is not when you are on the Dragon's Tail going around one of the switch-back curves and you lose control.

Chapter Members should also access one another. You know each other's riding abilities and physical characteristics. If you are on a ride and observe something out of the ordinary either with another member's riding or how they look physically you should speak up and enquire as to whether there is a problem. We are a family and need to look out for one another. You should self-evaluate yourself daily.

I can teach all of the two or three-wheel classes and can show you what riding skills you need to know for the different types of motorcycles. Your Florida District Educator Funds pay for the courses. We are here to assist you and help you have a safe and enjoyable experience on your motorcycle.

Ride Safe!!

Dominick & Diane

NOW YOU KNOW

Henry Ford used to say, "Service isn't always good, but if it isn't good, it can't be service". To fully appreciate how a Chapter provides service to the Member's we should first define "Service". According to the dictionary, service is the act of providing aid, or a helpful activity - and taking Mr. Ford's quote into consideration; it must be done well. 'WOW', that is exactly what we do, and I believe we do it exceptionally well!

Members are always willing to help another Member - whether it is a needed repair to their Gold Wing (or any brand) or help with a project around their home. In times of need, GWRRA Members are always there - even for total strangers who called a number from the GOLD BOOK. Chapter Educators provide potentially life-saving advice on safe riding plus helpful information on maintaining our motorcycles. Whether it is Rider Ed. training on improving our riding skills or Leadership Training benefiting our personal or

or professional life, GWRRA training is always of the highest quality. For GWRRA Members, help, or service, is never farther away than the nearest telephone. I am sure everyone can think of many other things which will support this "VISION" statement for GWRRA.

THE MORE YOU
KNOW, THE BETTER
IT GETS



Jim & Alice Bontrager



The ride and lunch at Ashley's was cancelled. I wanted to give you a little background on the haunting of the tavern so here goes. I hope you find it as interesting and enjoyable as I do.

The restaurant was originally established in 1933 and was called Jack's Tavern. It has changed hands many times over the years. It has gone by many names such as, Cooney's Tavern, the Mad Duchess, the Loose Caboose, Sparrow Hawk, and Gentleman Jim's. In 1985 it became Ashley's Restaurant. It is a Tudor-style home with stained glass windows.

The most interesting reason for visiting Ashley's Restaurant is that it is haunted. There are many reasons given for the haunting. Some say it is someone that was killed in a car wreck on the road in front of the restaurant or lived above the restaurant.

There was a young 19-year-old woman, Ethel Allen, that frequented Jack's Tavern and She was brutally murdered in 1933 was found on the shores of Indian River that runs nearby.

Psychics & ghost hunters are among the many people who have investigated the ghost sightings, and all agree that there is someone haunting the restaurant.

Did any of you see Ethel Allen in the women's bathroom mirror or her feet in the stall next to you. Did anyone feel a slight push on the stairs? Of course, there are pranks that happen when the restaurant is closed. Lights being turned off and on, items being moved or hidden and a few broken dishes. I enjoyed hearing the employees telling of the different pranks



the ghost has played in the past and in the present. It is what makes this luncheon so much more enjoyable than our normal lunch rides.

I hope you enjoyed the visit to Ashley's as much as I did.

Rita

February 2021 Riding Adventures:

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

The Gathering's location has changed. We will meet at

*Lake Parker Park
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2nd entrance
@ 9:00 AM*

February 13th— Ride to Mount Dora. Walk around town, shop & lunch.

February 20th—Ride to Pancho Villa in San Antonio for Lunch

February 27th—Ride to Goodson's Farm for lunch and Strawberry Shortcake. YUM!

Let's Ride!

Keith Dunn



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| Jim Pozenal | Feb 02nd |
| Jerri Cartwright | Feb 05th |
| Jim Bontrager | Feb 18th |
| Larry Millhollander | Feb 28th |
| Barb LoBach | Feb 25th |



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| Michael & Rosemary | Feb 03rd |
| Dwight & Amy | Feb 14th |



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.



Thank goodness 2020 is now in the past!! We had several people that started 2021 in fine form. Dave, Jim, Kathy and Keith were all winners at the January Gathering.







The first ride of the year!





February 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
	1 	2 Meet & Eat 6:00 PM Hibachi Express 5351 North Socrum Loop North Lakeland	3	4	5	6 Monthly Gathering @ 9:00 AM <i>Lake Parker Park 910 Granada Street Off Lakeland Hills BLVD 2nd entrance</i>
7	8	9	10	11 Meet & Eat 6:00 PM Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen 3411 S Florida Ave South Lakeland	12	13 Leave RaceTrac 98 North & Marcum @ 10:00 am Mount Dora Lunch & Sightseeing
14	15 	16	17 Meet & Eat 6:00 PM Wade's Kitchen 6617 North Socrum Loop Team Meeting to follow	18	19	20 Leave RaceTrac 98 North & Marcum @ 10:30 am Pancho Villa San Antonio, FL
21	22	23	24	25 Meet & Eat 6:00 PM Miller's Ale House 5650 S Florida Ave South Lakeland	26	27 Leave RaceTrac South 98 @ 12:00 Goodson's Farm For Strawberry Shortcake
28		Jim Pozenal Jerri Cartwright Jim Bontrager Larry Millhollander Barb LoBach	Feb 02nd Feb 05th Feb 18th Feb 28th Feb 25th		Michael & Rosemary Dwight & Amy	Feb 03rd Feb 14th



Great American Picnic

- 4th of July in January



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