



April 2022



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Monthly Chapter

Gathering

First Saturday

Of the month

Eat at 8:30 am

Meeting at 9:30 am



2022 Couple of the Year

Keith & Bonnie Dunn



4705 US Hwy 98N

April Schedule

Fireball Picnic

PDQ's

Pancho's Villa

Peking House

Flames

Charlie's Seafood

Team Meeting

Dairy Queen

Mystery Ride

Walk-On's

Frostbite's & More

Apr 2nd

Apr 4th-

Apr 9th-

Apr 12th-

Apr 14th

Apr 16th

Apr 18th

Apr 21st

Apr 23rd

Apr 26th

Apr 30th

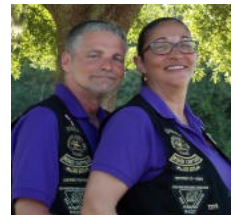


**2017 Florida District
Chapter of the Year**

Rick & Madalena Buck

Assistant District Directors

District Contact for the Fireballs



Stay safe!

National Director
Jere & Sherry Goldman

National Assistant Director
Bob & Nan Shrader

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FL-2L The Lakeland Fireballs

"The Fireball"



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Couple of the Year
2022
Keith & Bonnie Dunn



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50/25/25
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Chapter Director

Dottie and I just got back from our long delayed Panama Canal cruise. We had an excellent time and learned a lot about the canal's history, and we also visited 3 other islands. We did miss the Florida District Rally and I understand the attendance was better than the previous Rally which is a good thing. The vendor population was down but they did OK business wise. Rosemary won some jewelry but no one I knew won any of the money. I understand the talent show was really good and there seems to be interest in participating next year. The 2023 Rally dates are the same weekend as this year with a theme of 50-60's. The hotel has not yet been determined.

Just a reminder there is no Gathering in April. Instead, we will be having our Chapter picnic. Jeff—Mr. Sunshine has numerous games and some great prizes for us.

I would like to welcome a new member to our staff! Carolyn Andrew is taking over the "Goodies Sales" position! The position has been vacant for awhile and she has some excellent ideas and wants to help you get some new shirts, pins or other items. She is looking into having name badges made for those who want them!

You might have noticed that it is getting warmer. It is a



good news/bad news type of thing. Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg

It means that the snowbirds will starting clearing out making it easier to get around but....., it also means our snowbird FireBalls will be heading north soon. I have talked to a few of them, and it seems that they are doing some serious thinking about coming down earlier this fall. We hate to see you go and can't wait for you to come back this fall. September is a beautiful month for riding in Florida

Ed Bahrenburg

CD for the FireBalls



An engineering student is walking on campus one day when another engineer rides up on a shiny new motorcycle.

"Where did you get such a rocking bike?" asked the first.

The second engineer replied "Well, I was walking along yesterday minding my own business when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike. She threw the bike to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, 'Take what you want.'"

The first engineer nodded approvingly "Good choice, the clothes probably wouldn't have fit.

2022 Florida District Rally

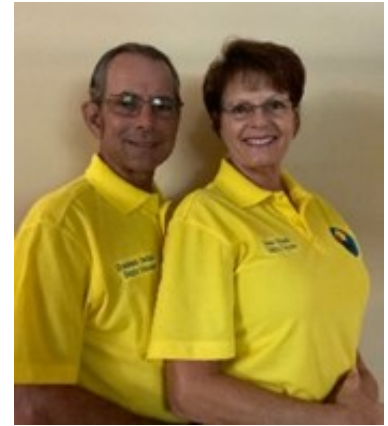
Hi everyone,

What a wonderful time we had at the 2022 Florida District Rally. It was a great success! Many members visited us at the Rider Education table and were able to find out their Level's status as well as the Level's status of their Chapter. Three members were advanced to Level IV in the Levels Master Recognition Program and six members were advanced to Senior Master. Remember, any Chapter Director or Chapter Skills Enhancement Advisor can request a Chapter Level's Report from me via email. Florida District Riding and Medic First Aid (MFA) classes are available upon request to maintain your Levels status. For ARC (Advanced Two-Wheel Riding Courses) or for TRC (Trike Riding Courses) contact Dominick at Dominickflde@gmail.com. For MFA Classes contact Claudia at rve-ga19854@gmail.com.

The procedures for requesting a class will be conducted in the following manner: A Chapter Director or CSEA can survey their group to see which of their members want to take either the ARC or TRC. They should

also decide on a tentative date for the class. This information is to be forwarded to me so I can check on the availability of a riding site. If all is agreed upon, I would then want the CD or CSEA to collect and hold a \$30.00 deposit which is refundable upon completion of the course. If a Chapter does not have enough members to fill a class I will advertise the class on Group Works to get enough members to fill the class. I also take individual member requests which I keep in a file and use to fill in any openings in a class.

Courtesy of the Motorist Awareness Team, one of the outside displays at the Rally was a Semi-Tractor-Trailer surrounded by motorcycles. The driver allows you to climb up and sit in the truck's cab to see what the driver sees or in many cases what the driver does not see. The trucker's safety slogan is: "If you can't see me in my mirror, I can't see you". That means



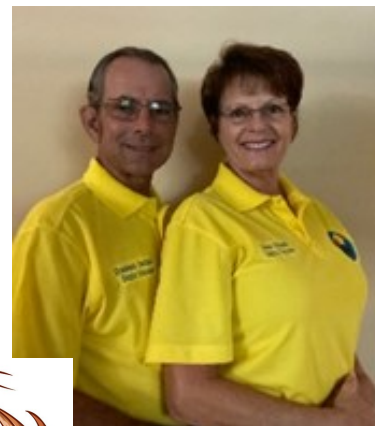
that when you are driving behind a Semi-Tractor-Trailer rig in your car you should be following far enough back so you can see the truck driver's face in his side view mirror. This procedure also applies when you are following behind the truck rig on your motorcycle. This can easily be done when you are riding a two-wheel motorcycle because you can position your bike on the left track of your lane thus making it easy to see the left side mirror of the truck cab. How about a traditional trike or a reverse trike? Are you able to ride in the left track of your lane so you can see the truck driver? I don't think so. A trike rider sits in the middle of their motorcycle and to ride in the left track would cause your outside wheel to get dangerously close to the lane division line or even possibly crossing over into the next lane.

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So how can you safely deal with this type of situation? You would have to drop back even further than the riders on two wheels. At 70mph a two-wheel motorcycle might follow at a safe distance of 200ft whereas at that same speed a trike rider might have to be 300-400ft back from the truck in order to see the truck driver in his side mirror. This observation was brought to my attention at the District Rally by Madalena Buck, Senior Chapter Director of FL1-L2 who had visited the Semi-Tractor-Truck display. I appreciated that she had shared this observation with me so I thought I would share it with you.

We are here to assist you with your training needs.

Ride Safe!!
Dominick & Diane



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A man was riding his motorcycle through the border of Germany and Austria every week carrying 2 bags filled with sand. The border guard, an older man, searched both bags every time, but never found anything so he let him through.

This goes on for a couple days until the border guard had his last day before retirement. Again the man comes to the boarder, both bags filled with sand.

The guard asks him: "Look man, today is my last day. I know you are smuggling SOMETHING so please tell me, I won't bust you. I'm dying of curiosity since I never seem to find anything in the bags."

The man grins and says: "I'm smuggling motorcycles."

April 2022 Riding Adventures:

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

4/09th - Meet at RaceTrac on 98 N and Marcum Road @ 1:00 PM for a ride to Pancho's Villa, 32804 Pennsylvania Ave., San Antonio.

4/16th — Meet at RaceTrac 98 N and Marcum Road @10:00 for a ride to Charlie's Seafood House 224 US Hwy 19, Crystal River.

4/23— Mystery Ride

04/30—Meet at RaceTrax 98 South @ 10:30 Frostbite Ice Cream & More. 801 N Scenic Hwy., Frostproof.

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

**Let's Ride!
Keith Dunn**



Birthdays

**Bev Gillis April 10th
Bruce LoBach April 23rd**



Leon & Kathy Rumohr April 29th



**GWRRA Anniversary
for April 2022**

**Frank & Debbie King 2005
Rich Baxter 2013**

What do you get when you mix a motorcycle with a joke?

A Yamahaha.

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.



The March Gathering was so much fun! We still have our winter

Our long time friends, Bill & Nancy stopped by to say Hi and bye to Fireballs. They are moving north again. Bill & Nancy, don't forget us and when it gets to cold up there you are always welcome to the sunny state of Florida.



Some of the highlights of the District Rally was the motorcycle Light Show/contest and the Talent show!

The March Winners had the luck of the Irish shinning on them, especially Kathy. She won both of the 50/25/25 pots.





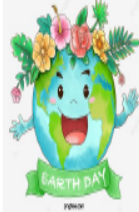


Had a great group for the ride to The Shamrock Inn. It should bring us luck throughout 2022.



April 2022

Circle K - 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
	Birthdays Bev Gillis April 10th Bruce LoBach April 23rd			Leon & Kathy Rumohr April 29th		No Gathering Fireball's Picnic 11:00 AM—3:00 PM Hunt Fountain Park Green Road, Lakeland \$5 PP and bring a main dish to
3	4 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM PDQ's 4714 South Florida Ave South Lakeland	5	6	7	8	9 Leave RaceTrac at 98N & Marcum Road@ 1:00 PM Ride To Pancho's Villa 32804 Pennsylvania Ave. San Antonio.
10	11	12 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM Peking House 2411 South Florida Ave. South Lakeland	13	14 Flames meeting 11:30 PM @ Ciao Bella 5369 Socrum Loop RD North Lakeland	15	16 Leave RaceTrac at 98N & Marcum Road@ 9:30 AM Ride To Charlie's Seafood House 224 US Hwy 19 Crystal River
17 	18 Team Meeting @ 6:30 Providence Fire House 8936 US Hwy 98 North North Lakeland	19	20	21 Meet @ 7:00 pm Dairy Queen 4710 US Hwy 98 N For dessert only	22 	23 Mystery Ride TBA
24	25	26 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM Walk-Ons 3772 US Hwy 98 North North Lakeland	27	28	29	30 Leave RaceTrac at 98 S (Bartow Road) @ 10:30 AM Ride To Frostbite Ice Cream & More 801 North Scenic HWY Frostproof

IT'S TIME FOR FUN!!



GWRRA FL2-L FIREBALLS

PICNIC
SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd

11:00 -3:00

\$5.00 per person (12 yrs. old & up)

Bring your own drink, table service and a dish to pass

Hunt Fountain Park

Green Road, Lakeland

(between W. Daughtery and Duff Rd.)

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