



February 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

### February Schedule

Mission BBQ

Gathering

Flames @ Ford's Garage

Hibachi Buffet

Lake Alfred Diner

Bedrock Wings

Beef O'Brady

Team Meeting

Dairy Queen

Johnson's BBQ

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5th

7th

8th

12th

17th

19th

21st

24th

26th

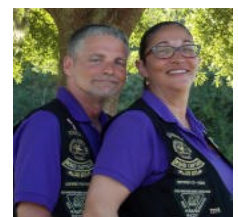


### 2017 Florida District Chapter of the Year

Rick & Madalena Buck

Assistant District Directors

District Contact for the Fireballs



Stay safe!

National Director

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## **Couple of the Year**

**2022**

**Keith & Bonnie Dunn**



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Thank you to the 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. This was the second time we had the Chapter Conference meeting via ZOOM and I think it worked well. It was more time efficient and cost us less as we did not need to travel.

Our January Gathering had several snowbirds join us and we hope they not only had a good time but will return for some of our rides and events.

We certainly have had a busy January. In addition to the Zoom meeting we held a TRC with 8 riders and 1 co rider, a CPR/MFA class with 13 people all in addition to our normal ride schedule. We had a treat with our annual Jacaranda outing as we were joined by the good people from Tampa. Word is it that we may be joining them for a mid week ride to Goodson's this month.

Looking back at last year, there has been an improvement in our ability to get out and about. Less concern about COVID impacting

our activities. The Chapter Team is still not willing to hold a FIREBALL Rally at this time. We are financially secure and feel that there is a risk of losing money on a Rally.



**Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg**

We are going to have a FUN FAMILY event in April that will take the place of our Gathering. It is a picnic at the Hunt Foundation picnic area on Green Rd. It is the same location we had our other picnics. There will be games and some excellent prizes.

While it is a bit cool as I write this, we are having better weather than our northern friends so lets get out and RIDE.

Don't forget!! Valentine's Day is Feb 14

Ed Bahrenburg CD for the FIREBALLS



## Rider Classes & Brake Fluid

Hello all,

2022 is here! Eight members took our first TRC (Trike Riding Course) Class for 2022 in Eustis, Florida on January 17<sup>th</sup>. We have an ARC (Advanced Rider Course for 2 wheels) scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup> in Melbourne, Florida. This class is already FULL. We have a TRC scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup> in Melbourne, Florida which is also FULL. We have another TRC scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> in Melbourne, Florida which has openings. Contact me via email if you are interested in joining that class. It is great to see so many members participating in these rider courses. Keep up the great work. Don't forget, Co-Riders can attend these courses for credit if they ride on the back during the class.

To our knowledge, our state is the only one that offers MFA (Medic First Aid) and Rider Courses at no expense to you because we fund it through Raffle Ticket sales. Please keep up the good work selling tickets and don't forget to start sending us the money for the tickets you have already sold. We would like the majority of money to be re-

ceived before the end of February.

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](mailto:Dominickfide@gmail.com). For MFA Classes contact Claudia at [rve-ga19854@gmail.com](mailto:rve-ga19854@gmail.com).

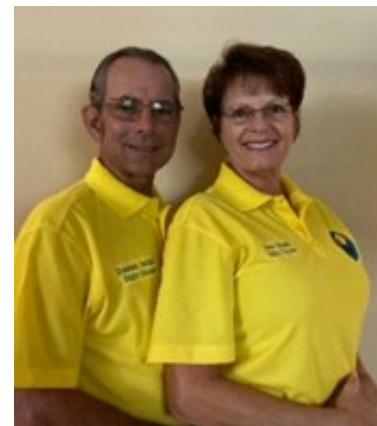
One of the purposes of these newsletter articles is to share information that will make your riding experiences more informative and safe. If I find articles by other authors that fill that bill, I am eager to share them with you. Such is the case with an article written by one of our Florida Chapter Members, Jerry Wells, of FL1-H. The article is on "Brake Fluid" (see below). I think you will find it informative and interesting.

### **Ride Safe!!** ***Dominick & Diane***

#### BRAKE FLUID ARTICLE

by Jerry Wells

I was checking my motorcycle over and noticed the DOT 4 on the cover of my brake reservoir. I wondered what does that mean and why DOT 4 as



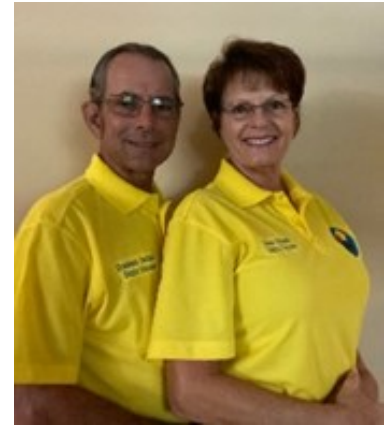
opposed to DOT 3. What would happen if I inadvertently added DOT 3. With the invention of the internet came Google. Just ask and it will tell you anything. The first thing I discovered is that DOT stands for Department Of Transportation. They regulate the highways and what happens on them; especially safety, The 3 and 4 are specifications for the brake fluid. There are also 2, 5, 5.1, 6, and 7. Unless you have special needs such as race cars or operate in extremely high temperatures you won't need anything but 3 or 4. They are both poly glycol based. DOT 3 also has either in it and is the one most used especially in automobiles. It has a higher water absorption rate and should not be used instead of 4. It is classed for use in non-aggressive breaking applications. The reason is it has a lower boiling point than 4. With aggressive breaking the brakes heat up, the fluid boils you now have vapor in your lines and you lower pressure at your brake pads. Not a situation you want to be in. Part of the specification is the wet and dry boiling points. Dry, means new brake fluid

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never exposed to air and has 0% water in it. Wet means exposed to air and up to 3.7% water. The dry boiling point for 3 is 410 deg. F for 4 it is 446 deg. F. The wet boiling point for 3 is 284 deg. F and 4 is 311 deg. F. DOT 4 instead of either contains borate and glycol. This makes it harder to absorb water which as we just pointed out, lowers the boiling point, so it is better for aggressive breaking. Liquids are hard to compress, air isn't. We want only liquids in our brake lines and cylinders. Compare it to water. Water boils at 212 deg. F. At this temperature it turns to vapor (steam). As it cools it turns back into liquid. The brake fluid does the same. When it boils we get vapor in the lines and the brakes feel soft. The vapor compresses and we no longer get full pressure to the pads. Our stopping ability is greatly compromised. One day coming off of the Blue Ridge Parkway I was on a steep winding road. I used the front brake until it overheated. Suddenly I had no front brake. I downshifted and used the rear brake sparingly until I came to a church with a big parking lot. I circled the lot until I

slowed enough to stop. I parked in the shade until the brakes cooled down and the fluid became liquid again then continued. If your system specifies DOT 3 you can add DOT 4 but never the other way. It would lower the boiling point and your brakes may fail. It is also recommended that you change your brake fluid every year and never let it go over 2 years. I am willing to bet most of you have never changed brake fluid. They also recommend that you use a new sealed can when you add fluid. This guarantees you are using dry fluid and not compromising it.

Gerald Wells ACD MEC  
ITCP



## February 2022 Riding Adventures:

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

**2/12 - Meet at RaceTrac on 98 N and Marcum Road @ 9:30 for a ride to Lake Alfred Dinner 185 South Lakeshore Way.**

**2/19— Meet at RaceTrac 98 N and Marcum Road @11:00 for a ride to Beef O'Brady's for lunch and a ride after weather permitting.**

**2/26— Meet at RaceTrac 98 N and Marcum Road @11:00 for a ride to Johnson's BBQ 1407 West MLK Blvd, Plant City.**

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

**Let's Ride!**  
**Keith Dunn**



### February Birthdays

<b>Jim Pozenel</b>	<b>2nd</b>
<b>Jim Bontrager</b>	<b>18th</b>
<b>Barb LoBach</b>	<b>25th</b>



<b>Michael &amp; Rosemary</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Dwight &amp; Amy</b>	<b>14th</b>
<b>Neil &amp; Sabina</b>	<b>21st</b>

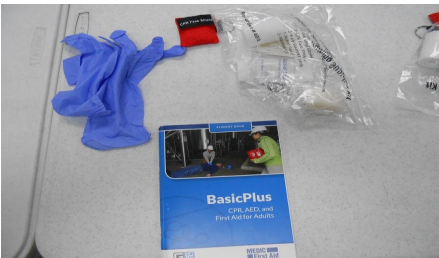




# TAKING A LOOK DOWN THE CAMERA LENS

## 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.



Yum! Yum! This is our annual  
ride to the Goodson's Farm for  
strawberries. It was the busies  
we have every see, but the wait  
was well worth it!



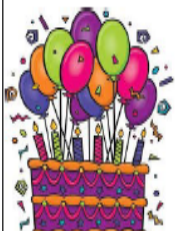

The January Gathering was a  
great success. We had 8 friends  
from the North are back to ride  
and have fun with the Fireballs.





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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
		1	2 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM  Mission BBQ 4014 S Florida Avenue South Lakeland	3	4	5 Monthly Gathering Eat @ 8:30 AM Meeting 9:30 AM  Golden Corral 4705 US Hwy 98N Lakeland, Florida North Lakeland
6	7 Flames meeting 11:30 PM  Ford's Garage 879 Lakeland Park Centre Drive North Lakeland	8 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM Hibachi Buffet 901 East Memorial Blvd	9	10	11	12 Leave RaceTrac at 98N & Marcum Road@ 9:30 AM Ride To  Lake Alfred Dinner  185 S Lakeshore Drive
13	14	15	16	17 Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM  Bedrock Wings 4836 US Hwy 92 East	18	19 Leave RaceTrac at 98N & Marcum Road@ 11:00 AM  Lunch @ Beef O'Brady  1070 Wedgewood Estates Blvd North Lakeland  Ride after if weather permits
20	21 Team Meeting @ 6:30  Providence Fire House  8936 US Hwy 98 North North Lakeland	22	23	24 Meet @ 7:00 pm  Dairy Queen  4710 US Hwy 98 N  For dessert only	25	26 Leave RaceTrac at 98N & Marcum Road@ 11:00 AM Ride To  Johnson's BBQ 1407 West MLK Blvd Plant City
27	28	 <p>February Birthdays</p> <p>Jim Pozenel 02nd Jim Bontrager 18th Barb LoBach 25th</p>  <p>Happy Anniversary</p> <p>Michael &amp; Rosemary 3rd Dwight &amp; Amy 14th Neil &amp; Sabina 21st</p> <p><small>© 2017 Design Studio 11 - www.DesignStudio11.com</small></p>				





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