



June 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**

### June Schedule

Jason's Deli	01st
Gathering	04th
Ford's Garage	06th
Abuelos's	11th
Bedrock Wings	16th
Big Tom's	18th
Team Meeting	20th
Diary Queen	23rd
Breakfast Station	25th
716 Burger & Brews	28th

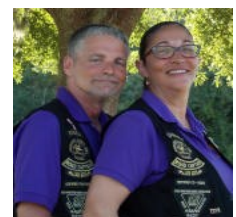


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## Chapter Director

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### Love Bugs Gone – Heat and Rain

As we drove north, we saw fewer and fewer Love Bugs but for some reason it didn't get much warmer! As I write this before Memorial Day it is in the low 40's at night here in Columbus. I do see that it is warming up at home and getting into the rainy season. That means that we have had to make the seasonal change to early morning rides with a look at the weather. I don't like starting out in the rain but sometimes a quick afternoon shower is nice and cools me off on the ride home.

As I am writing this article I looked back to last year. In May last year we transitioned from Lake Parker Park back to the Golden Corral for our Gatherings. At the risk of jinxing us, it seems that most things are back to normal socially and we are out having FUN.

Dottie and I are starting our bucket list out West trip. We have been out West a couple of times, but this is the most extensive trip we have attempted. With this trip we will have been in all 50 states except Hawaii -- maybe next year. With

Keith and assistance from Mike and Michael, I know the rides will be in great shape while we are gone. Rosemary and Rita will be running the operations part of the Chapter which is nothing new LOL! Sometimes I know I just need to say YES DEAR! When they make decisions.

Have you seen the new Chapter sign for the 4-wheel escort vehicles? Great idea Jeff and nicely done Dwight.

Our thoughts go out to the numerous members who have a brush with a fall, unexpected Urgent Care visit etc. Please stay healthy.

Memorial Day will be here soon and most of you will be reading this after that day. I hope we have all kept in mind the reason for Memorial Day while we celebrate a three-day weekend. I think as we grow older, we tend to become more aware of the sacrifice that our citizens paid so we can enjoy our Freedoms.

Ed Bahrenburg CD for the FIreBalls



Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg



## CO-RIDER'S ROLE IN AN EMERGENCY

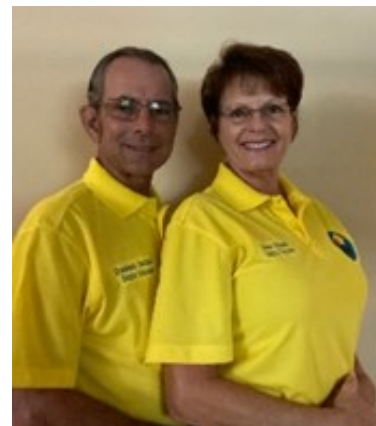
We recently attended the Tennessee Rally. While at rally we attended the new Co-Rider classroom seminar. Melanie Geggie, a GWRRA University Instructor did a great job presenting the seminar. I enjoy observing the safety information being presented to our members as well as their feedback on any given subject. These classes are always presented with the understanding that they are for your information and you are to choose and evaluate if the information can be used by you to safely operate your bike or trike.

I like being surrounded at rally's by new acquaintances. I enjoy listening to their war stories and mishaps they or someone in their group encountered. Often the mishaps I hear about were either due to lack of training or forgetting to use techniques the rider learned in one of our classes.

There are many useful tips given to the Co-Rider in our Co-Rider Seminars. I would like to give you a few more things to consider for both the Rider and Co-Rider to keep you safe. One of the useful suggestions in the class is that if the Rider becomes incapacitated and

slumps forward in the seat, the Co-Rider can lean forward and take control of the handlebars of the bike or trike. The Co-Rider is to then shut off the Engine Cut-off Switch, let the engine slow down the motorcycle, and start steering toward the shoulder of the road. The motorcycle will eventually come to an abrupt stop and if on two wheels the bike will finally fall over, with you on it. The Co-Rider is told not to pull in the clutch or apply the front brake which is the appropriate advice given the appropriate set of circumstances.

I would like to give you some more possible scenarios and solutions to consider. What if when the Rider slumps over you are in the middle lane of the highway and the traffic ahead and to the sides of you is stopping for a red light at approximately 45mph? Turning off the Engine Cut-off switch to slow down the motorcycle is not going to be enough. There is no escape path in this scenario if you have cars on both sides and in front of you. How the Co-Rider should react here would be much different. Whether you are riding a two-wheel motorcycle or three-wheel motorcycle would have a significant difference on how the Co-Rider should react. If you



are on three-wheels there is no danger of falling over. The Co-Rider could apply the front brake to stop the motorcycle. If the front wheel skids (which it will probably do) there is no danger of the Trike falling down. Some of the Trike Kits on 2018 Gold Wings and newer connect the front wheel ABS to the rear trike wheel's ABS. Can-Ams mostly have ABS brakes. Therefore the front wheel brakes would not lock up. Using the front brake to stop might just make the difference between running into the back of the vehicle in front of you or not. How about two-wheel motorcycles? Some have ABS and some do not. The ones that do have ABS will not skid. The ones that do not have ABS can skid which would result in the bike going down. Riders of the non-ABS bikes must discuss this with their Co-Riders advising them of this possibility. It would of great benefit for the non-ABS two-wheel Riders to train their Co-Riders on how to properly apply the front brake of their motorcycle to keep the bike

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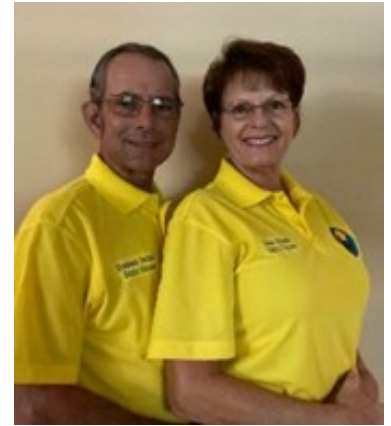
from skidding and bring the motorcycle to a complete stop (preferably in a vacant parking lot). In either case at the final stop the two-wheel motorcycle is going to fall over. Riders must advise your Co-Riders to kick away from the falling motorcycle as not to get trapped under the 900 lb machine. It does the Co-Rider no good if they are trapped under the motorcycle along with the unconscious Rider.

There are other times when just steering off the shoulder is not possible. How about when there is a guard rail or there is no guard rail and a 200 ft drop off. I am sure you can think of plenty of other situations where having to stop the motorcycle quickly with the front brake is the correct choice. I heard a story while in Tennessee of one scenario I had not considered. As the story was told, there was a Rider and Co-Rider traveling on a Trike. A deer jumped across the Trike taking the Rider with it. The Co-Rider was left with a riderless Trike. All survived due to ATGATT. How would you have liked to have been that pair of riders?

We at GWRRA can learn from each other's real life experiences as well as proper Rider and Co-Rider training. It is our goal to pass on all the information we can to help make your ride safe and enjoyable.

Ride Safe! ATGATT

*Dominick and Diane*



## June 2022 Riding Adventures:

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

**06/11th - Meet at RaceTrac on 98 N and Marcum Road @ 10:00 AM for a ride and then lunch at Abuelo's @ 3700 Lakeside Village off of Hardin Blvd.**

**06/18th — Meet at RaceTrac 98 N and Marcum Road @ 8:00 AM for a ride to Big Tom's 1151 Havendale Blvd NW, Winter Haven FL.**

**06/25th— Meet at RaceTrac 98 N and Marcum Road @ 8:00 AM for a ride to Breakfast Station, 1242 S Broad Street, Brooksville.**

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

**Let's Ride!**

**Keith Dunn**

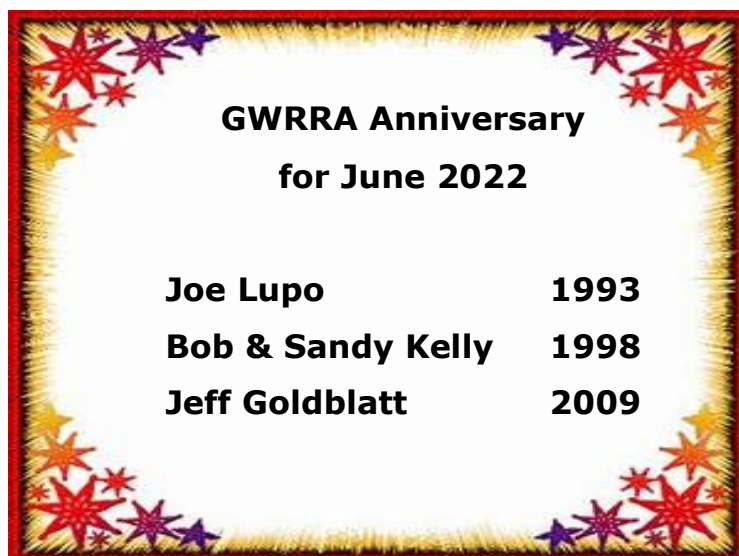


### Birthdays

<b>Joe Lupo</b>	<b>June 2nd</b>
<b>Dottie Bahrenburg</b>	<b>June 17th</b>
<b>Waylon Gillis</b>	<b>June 20th</b>



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# 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.



Thanks to Wesley Chapel  
for visiting us in May. It's  
always good to see old  
friends.



For all our dog lovers!

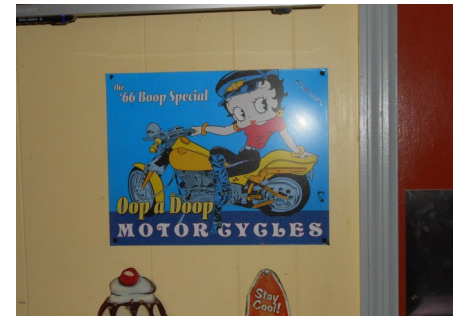


It was our 1st time visiting  
here. The food was good  
and the Ice Cream was  
great! The ride was won-  
derful. Good day to ride.

## The May Winners



Alice was not there, so it rolls  
over to the June meeting.







Can you tell we  
like ice cream!



# June 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
	<p>Birthdays</p> <p>Joe Lupo Dottie Bahrenburg Waylon Gillis</p>	<p>June 2nd June 17th June 20th</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Meet &amp; Eat @ 6:30 PM</p> <p>Jason's Deli</p> <p>4006 S Florida Ave South Florida</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Monthly Gathering Eat @ 8:30 AM Meeting 9:30 AM</p> <p>Golden Corral 4705 US Hwy 98N Lakeland, Florida North Lakeland</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Meet &amp; Eat @ 6:30 PM</p> <p>Ford's Garage</p> <p>879 Lakeland Park Center Dr N Lakeland</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Leave RaceTrac at 98N &amp; Marcum Road@ 10:00 AM</p> <p>Ride and then lunch At Abuelos's</p> <p>3700 Lakeside Village Off Hardin Road</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Flames meeting 11:30 AM</p> <p>Beef O'Brady's 1070 Wedgewood Estates Blvd. N Lakeland</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Meet &amp; Eat @ 6:30 PM</p> <p>Bedrock Wings</p> <p>4836 Hwy 92 East</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Leave RaceTrac at 98N &amp; Marcum Road@ 8:00 AM</p> <p>Ride To</p> <p>Big Tom's Diner 1151 Havendale Blvd NW Winter Haven, FL</p>
<p>19</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Team Meeting @ 6:30PM</p> <p>Providence Fire House</p> <p>8936 US Hwy 98 North North Lakeland</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Meet @ 7:00 PM</p> <p>Dairy Queen</p> <p>4710 US Hwy 98 N</p> <p>For dessert only</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Leave RaceTrac at 98N &amp; Marcum Road@ 8:00 AM</p> <p>Ride To</p> <p>Breakfast Station 1242 South Broad St Brooksville</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Meet &amp; Eat @ 6:30 PM</p> <p>716 Burgers &amp; Brew</p> <p>2905 Duff Road North Lakeland</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	 <p>Jim &amp; Alice Bontrager June 11th Gary &amp; Carolyn Andrew June 18th Bruce &amp; Barb LoBach June 23rd Bob &amp; Sandy Kelly June 27th</p>	



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**Thankfully it's not another virus we have to worry about.**



**The police have found a large number of dead crows on the 101 just north of Ventura early this morning, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu,**

**A Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be from vehicular impacts.**

**However, during analysis it was noted that varying colors of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analyzing these paint residues it was found that 980 of the crows had been impacted by motorcycles, while only 20 were impacted by cars.**

**The investigators then hired an Ornithological Behaviorist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of motorbike kills versus car kills.**

**The Ornithological Behaviorist quickly concluded that when crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow to warn of danger.**

**They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "Cah", not a single one could shout "bike"**

**Who Did Fonzie call when his motorcycle broke down?**

**Triple Ayyy!**

**There was a Motorcycle crash in my street, I shouted "let me through" and they asked "are you a doctor".**

**I said "no it's my Pizza"**





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