



March 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**

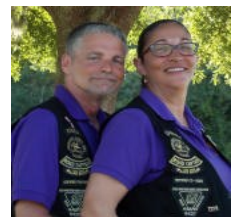
**March Schedule**

<b>Smoky Bones</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>Gathering</b>	<b>5th</b>
<b>Flames</b>	<b>7th</b>
<b>Tapatios</b>	<b>10th</b>
<b>Charlie Seafood</b>	<b>12th</b>
<b>Team Meeting</b>	<b>14th</b>
<b>Dairy Queen</b>	<b>16th</b>
<b>District Rally</b>	<b>17th—19th</b>
<b>Reece Cliff</b>	<b>24th</b>
<b>Shamrock Inn</b>	<b>26th</b>
<b>Romeo's Pizza</b>	<b>29th</b>



**2017 Florida District  
Chapter of the Year**

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



Stay safe!

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Jere & Sherry Goldman

National Assistant Director  
Bob & Nan Shrader

Florida District Directors  
Bill & Cheryl Smith

FL-2L The Lakeland Fireballs

"The Fireball"



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## **Couple of the Year** **2022**

**Keith & Bonnie Dunn**



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## Chapter Director

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It's Rally Time!

Coming up in a few weeks is the Florida District Rally! It looks like the District team has a lot of FUN things to do, and it should be a GREAT Time. Make sure you register ASAP as it helps the District do a better job of planned meals and activities. Our Chapter has been assigned/volunteered to work the registration desk from 2 to 5 pm on Friday, the 18th. We will not be doing the indoor games this year.

Dottie and I unfortunately will not be able to attend as we will be on our "Third Time is a Charm" Panama Canal Cruise. For various reasons we had to cancel the previous two times we signed up for the cruise. It looks like it is a GO as I am writing this article. Last year we bought a new yellow DCT Roadsmith Trike at the Rally. I guess I could have saved a bunch of money if we had gone on the cruise instead LOL!

Looking back at my March 2021 article I saw that we were still dealing with the effects of COVID. Between trying to find places to meet and acceptable restaurants for Meet and Eats/Rides, etc... it certainly was stressful. The Chapter weathered the situation well and we have the same active core of members. Fortunately, we did not lose any members although several did get sick.

For 2022 we have been blessed with an influx of new snow-birds who have come out to have FUN with us. We have talked about our upcoming family Chapter picnic several times. Please sign up at the March Chapter Gathering so we can get an accurate count for the food. Jeff has some FUN games planned and we have great prizes.

After a few cool or downright cold days, temperatures are back to normal making it very pleasant riding. Keith has some nice rides in the works so please come out and join us.

Ed Bahrenburg CD for the FireBalls



**Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg**



## Levels Classes

Hello all,

2022 is well underway. The Florida District Rally is getting closer and closer. We have already conducted 1 ARC (Advanced 2-Wheel Riding Course) and 3 TRCs (Trike Riding Courses) in 2022. There is also a Team Riding/Road Captain's Course scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> in Ocala and a TRC scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup> in Ft. Myers. These classes were at the request of the local Chapters in those areas and are both full. Remember all you have to do is ask for a Riding Class and we will make the arrangements to put on the needed class for you. "Have bike will travel". It is the proceeds from you selling Raffle Tickets that allows us to conduct the Riding Classes you need to maintain your Current Levels Status as well as to help you keep up your riding skills for the safe operation of your motorcycle.

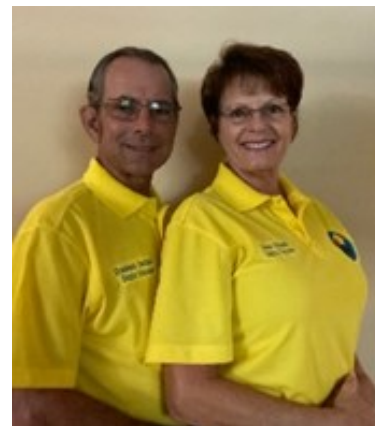
All monies for the sale of the Raffle Tickets need to be turned in to us as soon as possible and by the very least prior to the Drawing at the District Rally!

Subconscious Involuntary

Reflexes: Good or Bad?

What is a Subconscious Involuntary Reflex? I.e.: If I didn't know that my wife just had the stove on, and I rest my hand on the hot stove surface, my hand quickly pulls back off the hot surface without me even thinking about it. Then my brain tells me that the stove surface was hot. That is a good Subconscious Involuntary Reflex. If you are driving in your car and a child runs out in front of you, your hands quickly clinch the steering wheel without you thinking about it. Now you are ready to steer the car to avoid hitting the child. That would also be a good Subconscious Involuntary Reflex.

How do Subconscious Involuntary Reflexes affect us when riding a motorcycle? If you are riding your motorcycle and you are startled, your hands will naturally clinch the hand grips just like it does to the steering wheel when you are driving the car. On a motorcycle we need our hands to do more than just squeeze the handgrips when an emergency arises.



You might also instinctively go for the brakes without thinking when braking is the wrong solution for that particular situation. Hitting the brakes at the wrong time can actually cause a crash. Just as quickly as you applied the brakes you might have to release them and re-evaluate the situation as to whether or not you actually need them. Swerving without any brake use may have been the proper response.

When you are riding a motorcycle your eyes are subconsciously continuously telling your brain to tell your hands and feet what to do. This is good as long as you are consciously looking and thinking properly as you ride. "*We go where we are looking*". This is especially evident when we are negotiating a curve. A curve is the place where motorcyclists crash all by themselves without any help from a second vehicle. A major contributing factor of crashing in a curve is because riders limit how far they are looking a head

and what they are looking at. If you are not looking far enough ahead, subconsciously your eyes are telling your brain there is no place to go and your brain will be relating this to your hands and feet. So, in essence your conscious brain, which knows you want to successfully get around the curve, is being fought by your subconscious brain that is trying to slow you down. If you feel like you are out of position for the curve and begin staring at the guard rail or double yellow lines your subconscious brain will draw you towards them no matter how much your conscious brain wants to make it successfully around the curve. Sometimes getting out of this situation is as simple as just looking further ahead in the curve and the rest of your body will do what it needs to do to make the motorcycle get around the curve.

A Subconscious Involuntary Reflex can also work against you when you are making a slow tight turn such as a u-turn. If during a slow tight turn you look down at the ground you will unintentionally lean the motorcycle further than necessary and put your foot down. During a slow tight turn you need to look ahead to where you want the mo-

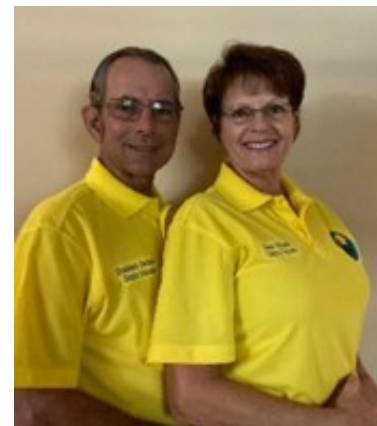
torcycle to finish the turn. During a u-turn you need to be looking ahead to the middle of the lane you want to get to. Your Subconscious Involuntary Reflexes will then take over and help you make the turn.

Most of you understand the mechanics of how a motorcycle reacts and handles. Knowing how your body reacts is also helpful to the safe and successful operation of your bike.

Ride Safe!!  
*Dominick & Diane*



"I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT GETTING YOUR MUSTACHE TRIMMED."



Funnies

Which rock group has four guys who can't sing or play instruments? Mount Rushmore

How do mountains stay warm in the winter? Snow-caps  
What did the nose say to the finger? Quit picking on me!

A man walks into a library and orders a hamburger. The librarian says, "This is a library." The man apologizes and whispers, "I'd like a hamburger, please."

**March 2022 Riding Adventures:**

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

**3/12th - Meet at RaceTrac on 98 N and Marcum Road @ 9:30 for a ride to Charlie's Seafood House 224 US Hwy 19, Crystal River.**

**3/17th—19th — The District's The Wizard of OZ Rally in Altamonte Springs.**

**3/26th — Meet at RaceTrac 98 N and Marcum Road @10:00 for a ride to Shamrock Inn 8343 East Orange Ave Floral City.**

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

**Let's Ride!  
Keith Dunn**



**March Birthdays**

<b>Leon Rumohr</b>	<b>02nd</b>
<b>Bob Kelly</b>	<b>14th</b>
<b>Susan Povey</b>	<b>16th</b>



<b>Joe &amp; Stormee Lupo</b>	<b>Mar 16th</b>
<b>David &amp; Wendy Sliverstein</b>	<b>Mar22nd</b>
<b>Rich &amp; Betty Baxter</b>	<b>Mar 29th</b>

**GWRRR Anniversary  
for March 2022**

<b>Jim &amp; Cindy Pozenel</b>	<b>1989</b>
<b>Kenny &amp; Debbie Weberman</b>	<b>1993</b>
<b>Ed &amp; Dottie Bahrenburg</b>	<b>1999</b>
<b>Bruce &amp; Barb LoBach</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>David &amp; Wendy Silverstein</b>	<b>2012</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.



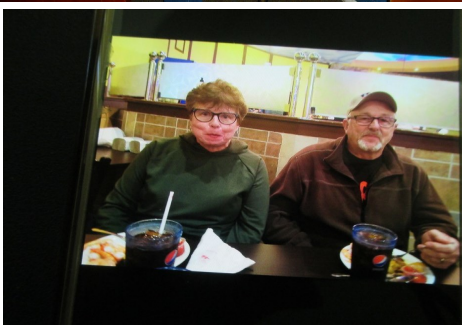
**The February Winners**



The February Gathering was a busy morning. We had 14 friends from the North to join us Gathering, meet & Eats and of course rides on Saturday. There are lots bikes/trikes on Saturdays. We love it!






**Our winter guests! Hope someday they will move to Florida and join the Fireballs permanently.**





# March 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><b>March Birthdays</b></p> <p>Leon Rumohr 02nd            Bob Kelly 14th            Susan Povey 16th</p>		<p>1 Meet &amp; Eat @ 6:30 PM</p> <p>Smokey Bones            3901 US Hwy 98 North            North Lakeland</p>	 <p>Mardi Gras 2022</p>			<p>5 Monthly Gathering            Eat @ 8:30 AM            Meeting 9:30 AM</p> <p>Golden Corral            4705 US Hwy 98N            Lakeland, Florida            North Lakeland</p>
6	<p>7</p> <p>Flames meeting            11:30 AM</p> <p>@ Dottie's home</p> <p>Bring Lunch</p>	8	9	<p>10 Meet &amp; Eat @ 6:30 PM</p> <p>Tapatio's            734 East Memorial Blvd            Lakeland</p>	11	<p>12</p> <p>Leave RaceTrac at 98N &amp; Marcum Road @ 9:30 AM            Ride To</p> <p>Charlie's Seafood House            224 US Hwy 19            Crystal River</p>
 <p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Team Meeting @ 6:30 PM</p> <p>Providence Fire House            8936 US Hwy 98 North            North Lakeland</p>	15	<p>16</p> <p>Meet @ 7:00 pm</p> <p>Dairy Queen            4710 US Hwy 98 N</p> <p>For dessert only</p>	 <p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Florida District "Wizard of Oz" Rally            @ The Hilton            350 Northlake Blvd            Altamonte Springs, Florida</p>	19
20	21	22	23	<p>24</p> <p>Meet &amp; Eat @ 6:30 PM</p> <p>Reece Cliff            940 South Florida Ave            South Lakeland</p>	25	<p>26</p> <p>Leave RaceTrac at 98N &amp; Marcum Road @ 10:00 AM            Ride To</p> <p>Shamrock Inn            8343 E Orange Ave            Floral City</p>
27	28	<p>29</p> <p>Meet &amp; Eat @ 6:30 PM</p> <p>Romeo's Pizza            2346 Griffin Road            North Lakeland</p>	 <p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Joe &amp; Stormee Lupo            David &amp; Wendy Sliverstein            Rich &amp; Betty Baxter</p>		<p>Mar 16th            Mar 22nd            Mar 29th</p>



IT'S TIME FOR FUN!!



GWRRA FL2-L FIREBALLS

**PICNIC**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>**

11:00 -3:00

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

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# 42<sup>nd</sup> Florida District Gathering of the Wings

March 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022



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