



July 2021



FL-2L The Lakeland Fireballs

"The Fireball"



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Monthly Chapter

Gathering

1st Saturday

Of the month

Eat at 8:30 am

Meeting at 9:30 am



**4705 US Hwy 98N
Lakeland, Florida**



2020 Couple of the Year

Kenny & Deb Weberman

July Schedule

First Friday

Gathering

Palace Pizza

Del Carmen

Jason's Deli

Flames Meeting

Cracker Kitchen

Team Meeting

Dairy Queen

Sonny's BBQ

Peking House

Dwayne's Place

July 2nd

July 3rd

July 7th

July 10th

July 13th

July 15th

July 17th

July 19th

July 21st

July 24th

July 29th

July 31st

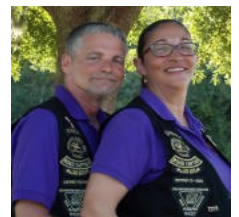


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Stay safe!

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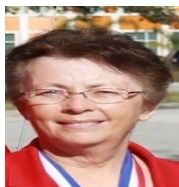
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Motorist Awareness

Dwight & Amy Livingston



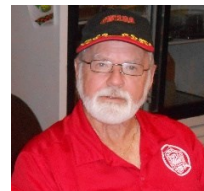
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Greeter Chapter Lotto Couple of the Year

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SUMMER

Happy 4th of July to all! It sure seems like things are getting back to "normal" As Dottie and I are traveling around we see things getting closer to the way things were pre COVID. There are a lot less mask and social distancing restrictions. There are numerous examples of the damages caused by the disease. Lots of vacant buildings, shortages of items coupled with many help wanted signs. Pretty sad!

We have seen some interesting things on our trip and have some funny stories we will tell once we get home mid-July. On our trip we have met up with some folks we hosted a few years ago from Iowa. They returned the favor and toured us around their countryside. By the time this is published, we will have met up with Bob and Sandy Kelly for their 50+1 wedding anniversary. We will also see our friends from their home Chapter NY H the Highway Hobos. We are stopping to see our various family members in New York and to meet up with our original GWRRA Chapter NY Y before heading home to Florida.

We have missed Chapter life since we have been gone but

wind up talking to at least someone frequently each week. Lots has been happening and we have a fun filled schedule for the next few months. Rides, Meet and Eats, the Gathering, Flames get togethers are going strong. Something I am going to miss is the Chapter attending the July First Friday Bike Night--- It should be a great time to promote the Chapter and Safe Motorcycling!

Longer range activities include a trip to Dillard Georgia for the Georgia Come Ride with Us Rally in September, Our Holiday party that has the Flames working of decorations already, and our FireBall Rally in Jan 2022 that looks like it may be ON!

Those of us who are out of town traveling are sending trip pics to the various social media forums to share. It is interesting to see where others are visiting as it gives us ideas for more trips!

Last but certainly not least is a HUGE SHOUTOUT to Jim Bontrager for getting our website revamped and up and running. It is certainly appreciated as Jim took this project on sort



Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg

of reluctantly but has done a wonderful job! Make sure you give Jim a THANK YOU

Please Ride SAFE and don't forget to HYDRATE .

Ed Bahrenburg CD for the FIREBALLS

THE THREE WHEEL ALTERNATIVE

There comes a time when all of us two-wheeled riders will have to make the decision. Do I stop riding entirely or do I switch to three wheels? There are basically 5 different categories of three wheeled vehicles to choose from. The conventional Gold Wing Trike (two wheels in the rear), A Gold Wing with a Sidecar (third wheel being on the sidecar), The Can Am Spyder (two wheels in the front), the Reverse Trike kit for the Gold Wing (two wheels in the front) and the Slingshot (side by side seating with two wheels in the front). There are many brand names in each category. I am not trying to be brand specific but concept specific. There is also a vast difference in cost between the different categories.

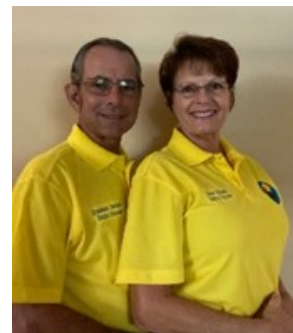
I would like to give you my opinion on each of the units in order to help you make a choice should you decide to move to a third wheel. I am a certified instructor for all of the listed machines, so I know exactly the pros and cons of each, how they ride, handle, and cost.

The conventional Gold Wing Trike (two wheels in the rear) is the most expensive way to go (If you bought an entirely new unit). However, you can buy a pre-owned one at a reasonable price if you can

find it. They are very comfortable and stable. The amount of stability is determined by the distance the two rear wheels are spaced center to center from each other. There are many manufacturers of those kits and the rear wheel center to center dimensions vary. The further apart the rear wheels are from one another the more stable the Trike is. With the newer better kits, the rear ends have a limited slip differential which reduces the chance of lifting an inside wheel in a sharp turn.

Putting a sidecar on your Gold Wing can be about 1/5th the cost of the new conventional Gold Wing Trike (you put the sidecar on your existing Gold Wing). Your passenger can be protected from the elements in the sidecar or still ride on the back of your bike. A form of air conditioning can be added. You can transport children safely in it. The sidecar can be easily removed should the bike need to go into the shop for repairs. There are limitations on how you take a right turn, but this can easily be taught to you in one of our sidecar courses.

The Can Am Spyder is about 1/2 the cost of a new conventional Gold Wing Trike. There a lot of sophisticated devices built into its system. You cannot accidentally lift an inside wheel in a turn. The two wheels in the front are a more stable platform regard



less of technology.

A Reverse Trike kit like the "Endeavor" added to your existing Gold Wing costs about \$10,000. It does not have the advanced technology the Spyder has, but you still have a very comfortable Gold Wing ride with this conversion.

The Slingshot is basically a three-wheel sports car. About \$25,000.00. They are a lot of fun to drive but as you would enjoy a sports car, not a motorcycle. Florida has categorized them as a car, so no motorcycle endorsement is needed to operate one.

I hope this article has given you some useful information should you ever decide to switch from two wheels to three wheels. If you were to switch to one of the three-wheel motorcycles listed, you should take one of our riding courses for that particular unit. Each category has specific things you need to learn and experience on a safe range before you take it out on the open road. I am here to assist you should you have any questions on any of the machines.

We hope to see you at Wing Ding!

Ride safe,

Dominick & Diane

THE VIEW FROM BEHIND



Jim & Alice Bontrager

In most articles you read about motorcycles and the focus is on the rider, rider safety, rider tips, new rider equipment, and a wide range of other subjects related directly to the rider are covered in endless detail. That is all well and good, but what about the other person on the bike? You do not hear many co-riders, do you. Well; they are on the bike too! What does a co-rider see? If they look directly ahead, they get a magnificent view of the back of the rider's helmet. That is interesting for a few seconds, and then the unchanging scene gets old. They can lean to left or right and see over the rider's shoulder which helps, but they can only hold that for so long before their back starts complaining. Instead, they spend a lot of time looking off to the sides of the road. For them that is where the "GOLD" is in the term of GOLDWING. Off to the sides, they see wonderful views that the rider doesn't have time to really enjoy, being busy driving. They can see incredible views, from hills and valleys, they can see deer and other animals that are gone in a flash. They see amazing sunsets, fog that blankets valleys below the roads and the canopy of stars at night. They can take time to marvel at distant rainbows that riders see in a

glimpse. The view is not so bad from back here. What else does a co-rider do beside sight see? Yes, they sometimes go to sleep or read a map (most have GPS), but they also watch for cars that do not seem to think their own lane is enough and want part of ours. They see the other drivers start to cut us off or make a right through a stop sign or red light in front of us because we do not register them as being there. They see slow trucks pulling onto the highway and see abrupt turns our driver might be missing. They are more than just road companions. They are a second pair of eyes that might save both of our lives. They read the maps, they find the gas, and they take the pictures. They go and help with the little chores every bike demands. They are "CO-RIDERS" and that is what they do. So the next time you read yet another article about the riders, take into account the "ONES" who have the view from behind.



July 2021 Riding Adventures:

Greetings Fireballs from your chapter Ride Coordinator. We have a full and fun calendar for July. If there are any ride changes an email will be sent and the calendar and Facebook will reflect them. You will notice we have added a couple of evening rides. Please feel free to come by car or bike/ trike.

July 10th - Meet at RaceTrac on 98 north & Marcum Road @ 5:00 PM for a ride to Del Carmen Restaurant in Dade City.

July 17th— Meet at RaceTrac on 98 north & Marcum Road@ 7:30 AM for a ride to Cracker Kitchen in Brooksville.

July 24th - Meet at RaceTrac on 98 north & Marcum Road @ 5:00 PM for a ride to Sonny’s BBQ in Zephyrhills.

July 31st - Meet at RaceTrac on 98 North and Marcum Road @ 7:30 AM for a ride to Dwayne’s Place at 6960 South Florida Ave in South Lakeland or meet us there @8:00 AM.

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

Let’s Ride!



July Birthdays

Ed Bahrenburg	16th
Dwight Livingston	19th
Kenny Weberman	28th



**Keith & Bonnie Dunn
July 28th**



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 other thing we do so well, Ride and Eat!



June Winners
One of us had a very lucky day!



Such a great group of friends!





July 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
	<p>July Birthdays</p> <p>Ed Bahrenburg 16th Dwight Livingston 19th Kenny Weberman 28th</p>		<p>Keith & Bonnie Dunn July 28th</p>	1	<p>2</p> <p>Lakeland First Friday Bike Night</p> <p>Meet at 5:00 PM @ 7 Eleven 316 E Memorial Blvd Ride in together</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Monthly Gathering Eat @ 8:30 AM Meeting 9:30 AM</p> <p>Golden Corral 4705 US Hwy 98N Lakeland, Florida</p>
	5	6	<p>7</p> <p>Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM</p> <p>Palace Pizza 6120 US Hwy 98 N North Lakeland</p>	8	9	<p>10</p> <p>Leave RaceTrac 98 N & Marcum Road @ 5:00 PM Del Carman Restaurant Dade City</p>
11	12	<p>13</p> <p>Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM</p> <p>Jason's Deli 4006 S Florida Ave South Lakeland</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Flames @ 11:30 AM</p> <p>Lunch at II Forno Italian Restaurant 3615 S Florida Avenue</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>Leave RaceTrac 98 N & Marcum Road @ 7:30 AM Cracker Kitchen Brooksville</p>
18	<p>19</p> <p>Team Meeting @ 6:30</p> <p>Providence Fire House 8936 US Hwy 98 North North Lakeland</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>Meet @ 7:00 pm</p> <p>Dairy Queen 4710 US Hwy 98 N For dessert only</p>	22	23	<p>24</p> <p>Leave RaceTrac 98 N & Marcum Road @ 5:00 PM Sonny's BBQ Zephyrhills</p>
25	26	27	28	<p>29</p> <p>Meet & Eat @ 6:30 PM</p> <p>Peking House 2411 S Florida Ave South Lakeland</p>	30	<p>31</p> <p>Leave RaceTrac 98 N & Marcum Road @ 7:30 AM or meet @ restaurant Dwayne's Place 6960 South Florida Ave South Lakeland</p>



Great American Picnic

- 4th of July in January



FL2-L RALLY
JANUARY 22, 2022
10AM-2PM

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