

Reflections On Three Years as a Sandie

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The 10th of March, 2018 marked the third year I have been riding with this bunch of nuts who call themselves the Sand Dollar Motorcycle Club. I thought I would try and reflect back a little.

After not riding motorcycles for several years, I got an itch to ride again – mainly due to my grandson wanting to ride. When I got my bike, I told the insurance agent that I would probably be riding about 200 miles a month.

I started looking for a fun way to ride with other people and, after viewing many cycle clubs on the internet, I come up with this one – The Sand Dollar M/C. Reading about the Sandies on their website intrigued me so I decided to show up for one of the Tuesday night Dinner gatherings. I have to admit I was a little nervous about meeting a bunch of strange motorcycle riders.

Jerry Gilbert “The Captain” was the first to show up. After meeting him and introducing myself, I remember thinking if everyone is as friendly as Jerry, this could be a lot of fun. Jerry said at the time that I appeared to be a Sand Dollar kind of person, but I think it may be the other way around. I think the Sandies are MY type of people!

Since that very first day, I have been treated as part of the family. I say family because that is what this group of people makes you feel like.

From long rides to having meals together, everyone makes it seem like we are one big family. The big communal meals when we all ride somewhere to eat are like eating a Thanksgiving meal with your family. Everyone is always in a joyful mood and we all look out for each other. Come to think of it, that is better than most families. (Haha!) I can't believe how soon I feel at home, among friends and a part of the group.

Well, that 200 miles a month I told my insurance agent went quickly by the wayside. After 11 months I was approaching 11,000 miles on the bike and 6400 of that was with the Sand Dollar M/C. I now have more than 20,000 with the club. I wanted to ride and the Sandies have definitely helped fulfill that dream.

I hope to continue riding and enjoying the good company of the Sand Dollar riding club for a very long time.